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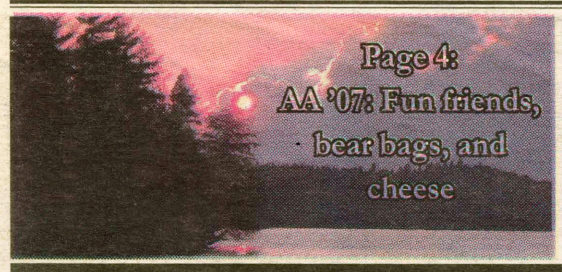

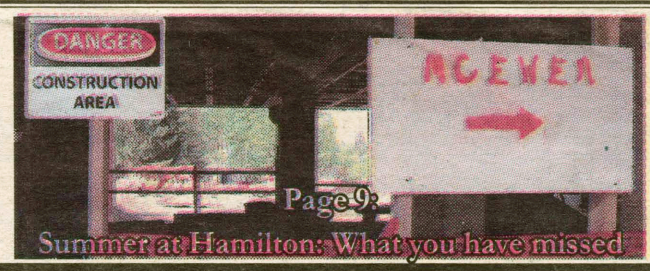

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Construction Promises Great Things for the Hill

by Martin Connor '09
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Students returning to Hamilton last week for the fall semester were welcomed by an assortment of additions and changes atop the Hill. Hamilton's many ongoing construction projects have certainly left their mark, some more poignant than others.

An e-mail sent to the campus by Associate Director of Physical Plant Bill Huggins, just one of many e-mails sent over the summer to keep members of the Hamilton community up to date on the various projects, stated, "As we welcome students back to the campus it is exciting to see the looks on their faces as they see how the campus has been transformed over the summer."

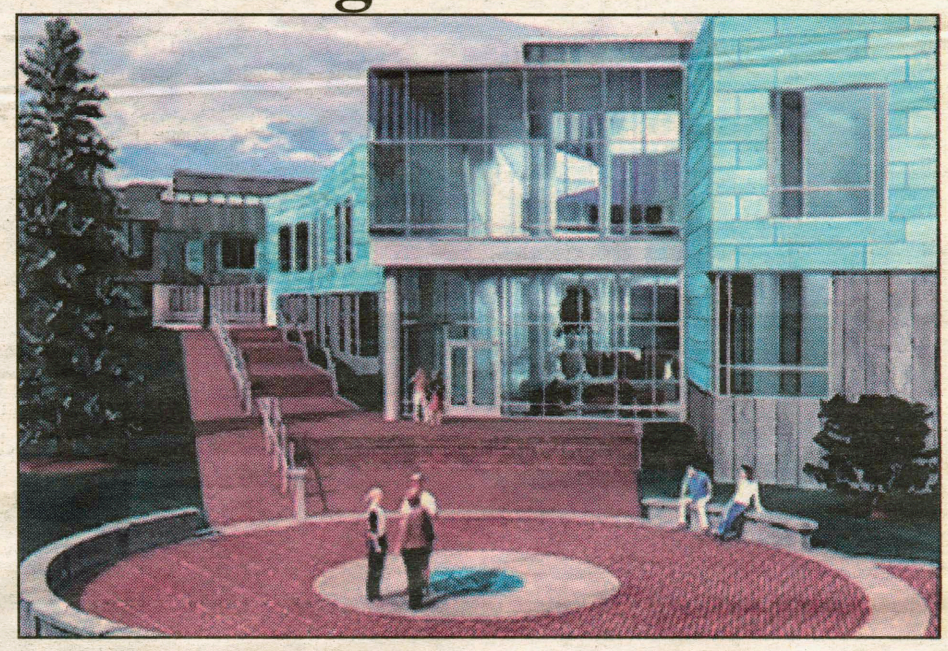
In many cases this statement rang true. The much needed renovations of the kitchens and bathrooms in Babbitt certainly provoked an array of delighted countenances among students. Similarly, the repairs made to the chimneys of Kirkland dormitory, the installation of a snow melt system in the chapel steps, and the new south campus parking lot have not gone unnoticed.

Yet many students were dismayed to find the majority of the McEwen quad closed off and an immense crater between Martin's Way and KJ. "I think it ruins the beauty of the dark side," said Sam Reisen '09. "You can't even get into the McEwen quad, and I don't see how students are going to be able to use the service path once it starts snowing."

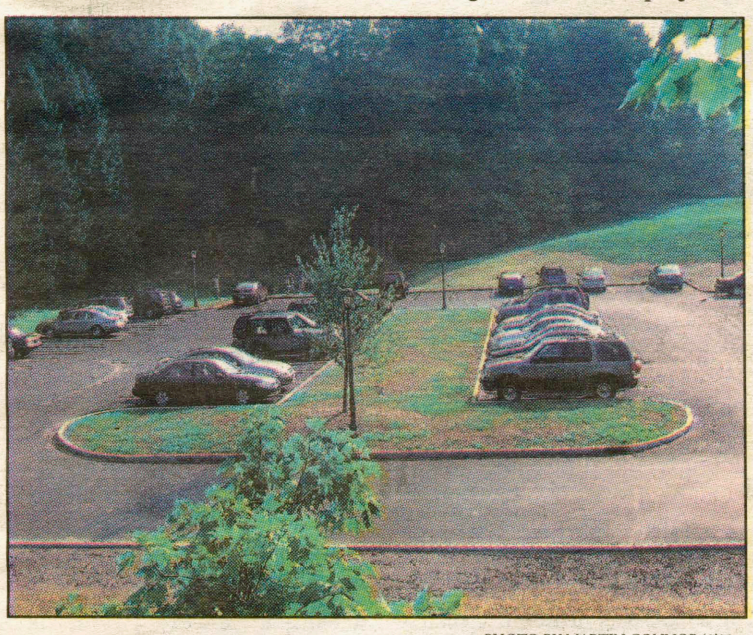
Other students expressed their frustration with the fact that they will graduate before monopolizing on the fruits of the construction they must endure.

President Joan Hinde Stewart was quick to address student concerns. "Some students will be gone before the projects are finished, but some will still be here. We're doing this for the future generations of Hamilton students," said President Stewart.

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson elaborated on her point, "I'm afraid that's just how it goes. I'm sure those students who suffered through the Science Building and Fitness Center construction are envious of the incredible spaces our current students enjoy, just as current students will envy the generations that benefit from the renovated Kirner-Johnson building."



Physical Plant provided the campus with a conceptual design of the Kirner-Johnson renovation and extension project.



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Hamilton Students have already affectionally nicknamed the darkside's newest member "Cacklot", a play off of its given name, Mac Lot.

The KJ renovation project certainly promises to add much to the Hamilton Campus. Upon completion, it will offer seven new classrooms outfitted with the latest in teaching technology, as well as Faculty-Student work areas and a refurbished KJ auditorium and Red Pit.

According to Huggins, the KJ renovation is on track for a timely completion. The frequent utility shutdowns over the summer allowed construction crews to gain a two-week jumpstart on construction. Although certain setbacks were encountered, including underground utility systems that have demanded special attention, the project has been delayed only slightly, and Huggins is confident that construction crews will make up for the lost time.

The administration has also taken extensive measures to ensure as little inconvenience as possible for students, recently changing the start time each morning from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. despite a slew of complications this has caused with the union construction workers.

"Overall the summer of 2007 has been another great summer for the college," said Huggins. "The large amount of progress that has been made certainly shows that the college is bettering itself. The Kirkland campus has been in need of a touch up and with the advent of the KJ extension and the newly renovated Babbitt facilities, its finally getting it."

Though the construction has forced a number of offices to relocated the completion of the new Admissions building has facilitated the move and ensured ample space for the Dean of Students office, the History department, and the Registrar's office to take residence in the recently vacated Elihu Root house. Edgar B. Graves Professor of History Alfred Kelley commented, "The move was a huge nuisance, but my new office is far nicer than my old one in KJ. Moving back to KJ will be a step down for me."

Similarly Dean Thompson is quite satisfied with the relocation. "We are delighted with our new accommodations. Our former home in KJ was great because we were in a high traffic area for students and faculty. We hope that we'll continue to have lots of visitors in our new space in the Elihu Root house."

Students have much to look forward to when the KJ renovation is finally complete in 2009. Until then, the administration would ask students to be patient with the construction, and rest assured that all possible measures will be taken to ensure minimal inconvenience for the Hamilton community.

Hamilton Mourns the Loss of Dwight Lindley

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On July 18, the Hamilton College community received news of the passing of Dwight Lindley '42. A Hamilton graduate and a professor of English from 1952 to 1986, Professor Lindley will live on in memory as a respected member of our institution.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Hamilton in 1942, Lindley enlisted in the army and served in World War II alongside several Hamilton alumni. Lindley then received his master's degree and Ph.D. from Columbia University and taught at Bowdoin College before returning to Hamilton in 1952.

In his 34 years as a Hamilton professor, Lindley motivated and challenged his students. Lindley's specialty was in Victorian literature, and he devoted a great deal of his time and energy to developing the writing program for the English department, as well as teaching the freshman composition class.

Current English Professor John O'Neill recalls the grading system for Lindley's rigorous composition class, in which students wrote 12 to 14 papers throughout the semester. "The goal," O'Neill explains, "was to write at least two 'yes' papers – papers with no significant grammatical or stylistic errors. If you did, you passed. If not, you failed."

In addition to composition classes, Lindley taught Old English and took over the Romantic and Victorian literature classes after Professor Nesbitt's retirement. Lindley also team-taught a course with Professor Austin Briggs during the now-defunct three week long winter study session. The course, entitled "1890 – Total Immersion" detailed the print culture of the United States and Britain.

Lindley chaired the English department from 1968 through 1975, and served as the Dean of the College- now known as Dean of Faculty- for one year. As department chair, Lindley led a department that held students to very high standards. Although his writing program may seem harsh to today's students, Professor O'Neill notes that students truly gained confidence in their writing abilities, and that English was the most popular major at Hamilton during Lindley's years.

He retired in 1986 as the Hamilton B. Tompkins Professor of English Literature. However, because he enjoyed teaching and contact with students, he continued to teach one course each year.

Professor Lindley's many accomplishments include co-editing The Later Letters of John Stuart Mill with Francis Mineka '29 and editing the high school textbook Adventures in English Literature.

Lindley's legacy as an inspiring professor and member of the college community lives on in many ways, one of which is in an annual writing prize. The Dwight N. Lindley Prize, created upon Lindley's retirement, rewards the best essay written each academic year in an entry-level English class. Lindley's wisdom and passion for literature survive in the hearts and minds of every student, fellow professor, and friend he touched.

The Siuda House: Hamilton's New Front Door

by Chelsea Mann '09
News Writer

If anyone knows how important it is to make a good first impression, it's Hamilton's Office of Admission and Financial Aid. With the number of college applicants predicted to reach a record high next year, small liberal arts colleges like Hamilton are feeling extra pressure to ensure that they sustain the interest of prospective students when the storm of applications hits.

This summer, Hamilton's Office of Admission and Financial Aid took the preparatory step of moving to a location they believe will elicit positive responses from visiting high school juniors and seniors: the Siuda House. Formerly the Sigma Phi society house, this building on the north end of the Quad, has been renovated and renamed.

According to Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer, the Siuda House has made the Office of Admission and Financial Aid "the [new] front door to Hamilton College." "At our previous location, there was no sense of arrival," Inzer explained. "Students would arrive at Admissions without having stepped foot on campus yet. Now that we're in the hub of all the action, we're the perfect starting point to student's [visiting] experience."

Looking at the new Siuda House today, no one would have ever guessed that once upon a time—eight years to be exact—that Collegiate Gothic structure lay vacant and abandoned. From 1995 to 2003, it remained under the ownership of the Sigma Phi Fraternity. In 2003, however, Hamilton College seized control of the house and the debate over who would benefit from its space began.

Recognizing the limitations of the former Admission building, Chet Siuda '70, a Hamilton trustee since 1987, proposed the idea of relocating the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid to the Sigma Phi Fraternity house and even volunteered to fund the endeavor. "Get yourself over to the Sig house and give me a call when you get back," Chet told Inzer after telling her about the idea. When Inzer visited the site, she was astounded to find it in such terrible condition. "It looked like the worst fraternity party you've ever seen," Inzer said. "You really had to use your imagination to envision what the place could become." Inzer brought the project idea before President Joan Hinde Stewart of Hamilton College, who approved it instantly. In June, 2006, the renovation began, and by April, 2007, it was completed.

According to Inzer, the old admissions building had been in need of improvements for a long time. For instance, she noted that "the waiting room in the old building perviously had the intimidating feeling of a dentist's office" because all the chairs lining the room were facing one another. "The admissions process is already daunting enough, so families didn't need to feel that extra sense of pressure [when sitting there]." The lay-out of the waiting room in the new Siuda House, however, eliminates this intimidation factor. With seating spread out among various nooks and crannies in the room, it affords families the breathing room and privacy they desire.

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Before: The Sigma Phi house as it appeared after 1917.

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After: The Siuda House after the 2007 renovations.

Inzer also noted that she and her colleagues don't feel as isolated as they used to in their previous residence at the base of College Hill Road. "Before, we didn't feel like we were a part of the campus," she said. "Now, we feel like we're in the heart of campus." Admission and Financial Aid officers have particularly enjoyed having more interaction with students now that they are located in the area of the Burke Library and Kirkland and North residential halls.

Highlights of the new Siuda House facility include increased office space, convenient parking, multi-use meeting rooms, a "smart system" heating and cooling apparatus, a large presentation room for Information sessions, and even a designated assembly room for tour guides.

"The Siuda House has made the Office of Admission and Financial Aid 'the [new] front door to Hamilton College.'"

Perhaps the most impressive feature of the Siuda House is the fact that it has retained the Collegiate and Gothic style that characterized its original structure. Maintaining the same appearance as the old Sigma Phi structure, however, was no easy task. "We did everything we could to prevent the [newly reconstructed house] from looking new and modern," Associate Director of Physical Plant Bill Huggins explained.

In order to preserve the original romantic style, Huggins and his workers duplicated a slate roof and replicated the original steel frame windows, which was an energy-efficient tactic as steel frame windows provide more insulation than do those composed of single pane glass.

The final result of the reconstruction was a seamless building in which it is difficult to distinguish the old from the new addition. "I think it is important to the history of the college that we preserve structures like the Sigma Phi House that have been there for so many years," Huggins explained. According to Inzer, "the [newly constructed] Siuda House looks as if it has always been there." Clearly, Huggins has accomplished his mission.

Measures were also taken to ensure that students approaching the Siuda House from the parking lot felt just as welcomed entering from the back as they did entering from the front. In order to facilitate this sense of welcome, construction workers created a pathway leading from the parking lot to the back door as well as built a friendly archway to shelter the back door, beneath which a bookshelf stalked with Hamilton brochures and publications was placed. Builders also installed a replica of the front door in the back so that, again, students felt as if they were entering the forefront of the Siuda House.

Many Hamilton students concur that the new Siuda House is more than impressive. "It's breathtaking," said Tour Guide Coordinator Megan Herman '09. "When I look at the front door, I feel like it has such history. It's really important to make a good first impression on prospective students and the Siuda House does just that. It's at the heart of all our best facilities on campus, and the lay-out inside accommodates visitor's needs much better than the old Admissions building did."

"I hope the students are proud of the new Siuda House, and that they agree that it is the right door to our college," Inzer exclaimed in her final remark. Anyone who visits the new Siuda House will most certainly agree.

A Connected Campus: Hamilton Goes Wireless

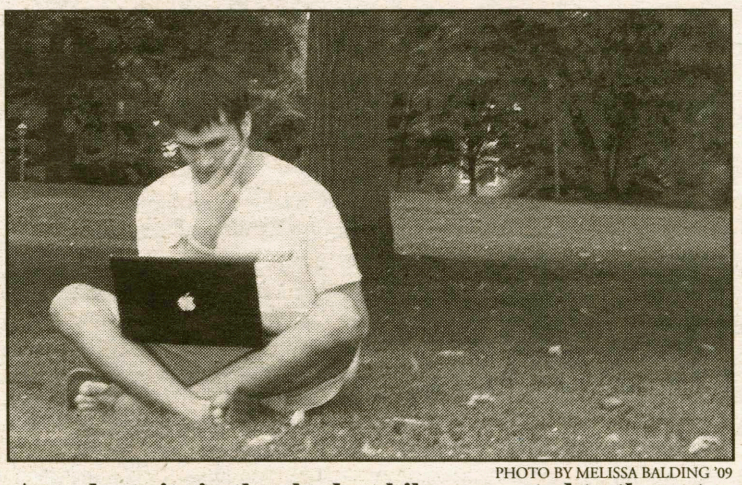
by Kevin O'Connor '09
News Writer

Once upon a time, taking Communications courses did not mean spending at least 50 minutes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday trolling Craig's List for a reliable afternoon companion. Thanks to David Solomon, '84 those days are lost to the annals of Hamilton history.

Hamilton students can thank charter trustee David Solomon '84 and his wife Mary for their $370k donation providing campus-wide wireless internet access. The project's benefactor, David Solomon, is the co-head of investment banking for Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Before becoming a charter trustee in 2005, he was an alumni trustee from 1996 to 2002.

Although Hamilton has made efforts to extend wireless connectivity with recent renovations, the new expansion marks a major upgrade for technology on campus.On the Hamilton website, President Stewart called the wireless expansion "a splendid gift" that "will facilitate the sharing of information across our campus and will enhance the educational process."

Vice President of Technology David Smallen pointed out the project's benefits for better and more frequent faculty-student interaction: "Completing the college's wireless project will enhance interactions because collaborative work can now take place from practically anywhere on campus." The impact of such a gift is hard to deny, as 92 percent of students use laptop computers, a number that Smallen expects will rise in coming years.



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A student sits in the shade while connected to the net.

In addition to the secure wireless access provided to students and faculty, an open, non-encrypted connection is available for guests of the college in key buildings like the new Science Center and Burke Library.

A word to the wise, while the wireless connection provides added convenience,students may still want to plug in their Ethernet cords when they are in reach, as the wired connection is twice as fast as wireless.

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Hamilton College Adirondack Adventure 2007: *Fun, Friends, Bear Bags, and 12 Pounds of Cheese*

by Hali Baumstein '11
News Writer

This year approximatly 50 percent of the class of 2011 signed up for Hamilton's annual pre-orientation program, Adirondack Adventure. The outdoor escapade was an opportunity for incoming Hamiltonians to make friends, try new things, and have fun. The 230 participating freshmen – the largest group yet – chose from twenty-six trips on which they participated in activities like canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, and hiking. Sloane Lipkin '11 of the Cranberry Lake Kayaking trip remarked, "it was a ton of fun meeting new people and trying new things."

Not all of the trips involved roughing it; students at Basecamp participated in various day trips, while two other groups performed community service. A notable trip was the Cranberry Lake Writing Combo, which Director of Outdoor Leadership Andrew Jillings described as "the first trip to run anywhere in the USA that combines an outdoor activity with an academic class." On each trip, first year students experienced the traditions and quirks of the Adirondack Adventure program.

The week began when the freshman arrived on campus on August 13. Enthusiastic and friendly Adirondack Adventure leaders helped them settle in. "The leaders' energy was really contagious," says Elizabeth Farrell '11, who attended the Sanatoni Community Service trip. "It helped everyone have a great time."

Adirondack Adventure participants spent the first evening on campus as Andrew Jillings lead a series of games, such as a creative variation on tag and a large-scale version of "Rock, Paper, Scissor, Shoot". The action continued on campus the next day with smaller group activities, including the low ropes course. Each group was also prepared for camping, as the leaders taught members of the class of 2011 about 'leaving no trace' in the woods and told them what and what not to pack.

The groups embarked on their trips on August 15, leaving electronic devices like iPods and cell phones behind. Students hiked, canoed, kayacked and rock climbed, taking breaks to do things like snack on gorp or go for a swim. At night, groups camped out under the stars, either in lean-tos or in tents. Without access to bathrooms, those groups at campsites without outhouses became friendly with the woods.

Storms struck during the Adirondack Adventure week, but some like Keith Willner '11, a member of the Fulton Chain canoeing trip, took advantage of the precipitation. "Only on AA can you frolic shirtless in the rain," he said.

Some groups faced other challenges. "A bear stole our high-low box," says Emma Simmons '11 of the Gothics Range hiking trip. However, Corinne Bancroft '10, a leader on the Cranberry Lake Writing trip, agrees that everyone was able to turn negatives into positives: "It was a relief to have all my participants laughing and quoting movies through the worst… They impressed me with the level of energy and excitement they maintained."

PHOTO BY LAURA LEONARD '11
Adirondack Adventure participants take advantage of the breeze on the Lower Saranac Lake canoe trip.

Participants enjoyed Adirondack Adventure traditions such as keeping a trip journal, establishing a high-low box, making bead bracelets, and delighting in fire-cooked meals. Some of the delicacies from the trips included Annie's Mac and Cheese, fajitas, peanut butter and jelly, instant oatmeal, No-Bake Cheesecake, and lots and lots of cheese. "We had only limited time to get through 12 pounds of cheese," said Farrell.

After three and a half days in the woods, groups reunited at various base camps, where they enjoyed luxuries like showers and flushable toilets. During their one night stay at base camp. Adirondack Adventure participants had the opportunity to complete a high ropes course, including challenges like a zip-line and a pamper pole. The trip closed with a bonfire at each site, featuring the annual stick-burning ceremony and s'mores.

When asked why he thought Adirondack Adventure was so successful, director Andrew Jillings credited the leaders, saying, "[They] create an atmosphere that's just simply fun. Each day is uncomplicated but has just enough challenge, so there's an achievement factor." He also commented on his impression of the incoming freshmen: "I like them! We'll keep them around for a while."

Even with the conclusion of Adirondack Adventure, the class of 2011 can still remember their AA experiences in a number of ways, whether it be by seeing their new friends around campus, reading their trip journals, or hearing spontaneous shouts of "Dead bug!" from their fellow AA alumni. As Andrew Brodsky '11 remarked, many first-years can't "think of a better way to start off [their] college experience[s]."

Class of '11 Orientation, Mandatory Yet Meaningful

by Eloise Walter '11
News Writer

This year's New Student Orientation took the class of 2011 by surprise as over one hundred Orientation Leaders and Resident Advisors ushered newcomers into the Hamilton community. During the Pirate-themed Orientation week, which began on Tuesday, August 21, students participated in various activities to help them learn about and adjust to college life.

Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli was particularly pleased with this year's orientation because of two new programs: "Sex Signals" and "TIPS (Training For Intervention Procedures)". Both "Sex Signals" and "TIPS" were highly entertaining yet informative seminars designed to guide first years through the issues of sexual assault and alcohol.

During "Sex Signals," professional actors took a close look at sex and dating on campus by acting out different scenarios and letting the audience hold up "STOP" signs when things got out of hand. One scenario explored the case of a man accused of rape. After hearing his case, the audience was confused by whether or not the man was innocent. Through "Sex Signals." first year students learned that alcohol can blur the line between guilt and innocence.

Through "TIPS" training, first-years learned all about the many problems that alcohol can cause. A video revealed the story of college student Scott Krueger's death after binge drinking. After watching the video and discussion, students acted out different scenarios involving alcohol to show what they had learned. First-years were also informed about Hamilton's EMT service.

In another seminar, "Toto, We're Not in Kansas Anymore" led by Dr. Maura Cullen, the audience interacted to explore prejudice and discrimination. Dr. Cullen asked the audience pointed questions regarding their backgrounds and life experiences in order to recognize differences within the audience. Alex Dotson '11 said of her experience, "Dr. Cullen was amazing. She really showed us that even though we're all different, we're all the same in many respects."

Other activities were designed to let first-years mingle and make new friends. The "First Night Large Group Activity" involved games where first years introduced themselves to as many people as possible in a short period of time. Even though many first years admitted to having forgotten half the names they heard, many said that it was reassuring for them to recognize faces as they walked down Martin's Way.

PHOTO BY LAURA LEONARD '11
Members of the Class of '11 get psyched for Hamilton.

Members of the class of 2011 also participated in "Big Prize BINGO," which included prizes ranging from a set of cleaning accessories to a sex kit. The orientation staff spent over $1000 on all the prizes, which also included such sought after items as a mini-fridge, a microwave, and a digital camera. The night culminated with the grand prize of a basket complete with a DVD player and several DVDs.

On Friday night, a mentalist hypnotized many students. Will Eagan '11 was hypnotized into behaving as though the sun was right above him and the temperature was quickly rising: "Initially I was skeptical of hypnosis, but that night on stage showed me the trickery that my own mind can play. It felt like a dream". The mentalist also convinced three students that they were participating in a beauty pageant. One first year student was even hypnotized into singing a Tim McGraw song.

Another popular activity was the "Late Night Dance Party." The dance party gave first-years the chance to relax and have fun one last time before classes began. "It was a great way to end orientation and kick off the new school year," said first-year Eddie Ajaeb.

As orientation drew to an end, the class of 2011 participated in Hamilton's mandatory Physical Education Testing and rushed to the Science Center to register for classes. Amy James, Director of Orientation, said that her job was to "make sure that every first year found a few people that they feel comfortable with. That's what orientation is all about." And like many other first years, Stefanie Linnan feels "a lot more prepared and excited to start classes now that orientation week is over."

On Sunday August 26, Orientation Week officially ended with the 196th Convocation Ceremony in Wellin Hall. Dean of Students Nancy Thompson asked the audience for a round of applause for all who participated in the "team effort" of orientation week. Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo and President Joan Hinde Stewart joined Thompson at the podium in offering anecdotes and comments about Hamilton and the year to come. Also, approximately 23 prize scholarships were awarded to more than 30 Hamilton students for leadership, character, and academic achievement. The audience sang "Carissima" to conclude the ceremony and to mark the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year.

Hamilton Welcomes Six New Tenure Track Professors

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

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New Professors Anjela Peck, Aishwarya Lakshmi, Natalia Connolly, Zach Dietz, Katharine Kuharic, and Nicole Snyder.

At the start of the 2007-2008 academic year, Hamilton is abuzz with new classes, renovated buildings, widespread construction, new extracurricular opportunities, and, most notably, a variety of new people. However, the Class of 2011 is not the only pool of fresh personalities on the hill. This year Hamilton welcomes six new tenure-track professors.

According to Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo, the candidate pools for the new appointments ranged from 25 to 170 people for each position, depending on the specificity of the field. While the prestigious physics teaching position as part of the Research CORP Grant attracted 170 applicants, a specialized position in the Comparative Literature department focusing on Arabic studies featured only 25 interested candidates. Through a rigorous interview process involving Hamilton faculty and students, Dean Urgo revealed, "We were able to attract the very best professors in their fields to Hamilton."

The hiring of faculty of ethnic backgrounds and with interests in specialized fields furthers Hamilton's commitment to increasing diversity on campus. According to Dean Urgo, the diversity of the new faculty and specialization of their fields of study shows Hamilton's "commitment to expanding the areas of the world in which we have study."

Assistant Professor of Comparative Literaure Anjela Peck joins the Comparative Literature Department to provide a specialized focus in Medival, Spanish, and Arabic studies. She earned her Ph.D from Emory University and her most recent project analyzes the depiction of Iberian legacy of cohabitation of Jews, Muslims, and Christians in Spanish, Arabic, and aljamiado texts. Her research and teaching specialization lies in the intersections of Muslim and Christian cultures as seen through the Early Modern literary production of the Mediterranean, particularly the Iberian Peninsula. Said Professor Peck, "I was attracted to Hamilton because of its stellar reputation, warm and welcoming faculty and engaging students."

Assistant Professor of English Aishwarya Lakshmi adds another cultural perspective to the Hamilton literature departments, with a specialization in nineteenth century British India with a focus on landscape aesthetics. She received her Ph.D from the University of Chicago and 2007 and has interest in Ruskin, nineteenth and twentieth century popular Indian art, Indian cinema, and postcolonial theory and literature.

Also bringing a unique background to Hamilton is Assistant Professor of Physics Natalia Connolly. Professor Connolly was born in Minsk, Belarus and came to the United Sates in 1993 as an exchange student at Kenyon College, where she graduated suma cum laude with a B.A in physics in 1995. In 2001, she earned her Ph.D from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Professor Connolly joins Hamilton as part of the Research CORP Grant, and she specializes in experimental particle astrophysics and cosmology with a focus on the new discovery of dark energy.

A little closer to home, Zach Dietz, a Hamilton, NY native, joins Hamilton College as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Professor Dietz studied statistics at the undergraduate level at Grinnell College and graduate level at Iowa State University. Professor Dietz spent three years as a VIGRE postdoctoral fellow at Tulane University, was displaced by Hurricane Katrina for six months, and then retuned to finish one more year at Tulane. Dietz now returns to central New York to join the math department at Hamilton.

Hamilton also welcomes Katharine Kuharic as the Kevin Kennedy Associate Professor of Art. According to Dean Urgo, this endowed position in the arts has "enticed Professor Kuharic, someone at the peak of her career, to continue her work at Hamilton College." Professor Kuharic graduated with a BFA in painting and drawing from Carnegie Mellon University in 1984 and continued her studies at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. She has had 14 solo exhibitions, including seven at P.P.O.W. Gallery in New York, and her work is also on display at McKenzie Fine Art, NY. Before coming to Hamilton, Professor Kuharic was an associate professor and coordinator of the painting program at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Professor Kuharic has also held positions at the School of Visual Arts, the New School, Parsons and the Yale University School of Art. She recently completed a summer stint as painter-in-residence at the Yale University, Yale Norfolk program in Norfolk, Conn.

Hamilton College also welcomes Nicole Synder as Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Professor Snyder said, "As a new faculty member at Hamilton College I am excited contribute to the excellence in teaching, research, and service that has already been demonstrated by my colleagues in the Chemistry Department." Snyder graduated from Westminster College B.S degrees in both chemistry and biology, and earned her Ph.D from the University of Connecticut. Professor Synder recently completed a two-year stint as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Wellesley College. Her interest lies in the preparation and characterization of natural and unnatural carbohydrate systems that can be used to study antibiotic resistance and carbohydrate-mediated diseases.

"We are thrilled to have each and every one of these individuals bring something exciting and new to the Hamilton community and curriculum." Commented Dean Urgo, adding, "I encourage students to seek these new professors out and find out what they are teaching."

Jon Hind '80 Returns To The Hill As Athletic Director

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

His Hamilton experience was so good that alumnus Jon Hind '80 had to come back for more. Hind, Hamilton's brand new Athletic Director, said, "If I had to pick a school again, I would come right back." However, at the start of the 2007-2008 academic year, Hind returns to Hamilton, not as a student, but as a proud member of the staff.

According to Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo, Hind's journey back to Hamilton is "almost like a homecoming and we're pleased to have him back with us." Hind, a former HEOP student, graduated from Hamilton in 1980 with a degree in math and economics. He decided not to follow the "typical path to a finance firm in Boston or New York," and instead, turned to teaching.

In his time away from Hamilton, Hind taught high school math at Henninger High School and Clinton High School, and coached a variety of sports such as football, wrestling, track and field, lacrosse, and cross-country at the high school, Division III, and Division I level.

Hind's most recent appointment was at Butler University, where he was the head coach of the Division I men's lacrosse team from 1993-1998, an athletic administrator starting in 1999, and the interim athletic director from May through August 2006. After Butler lacrosse won the NCAA Championship tournament in 1998, Hind was named National Coach of the Year by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Hind chairs the NCAA Division I Lacrosse Committee and is commissioner of the Great Western Lacrosse League.

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Hind revealed, "It's an honor and a privilege to be back at Hamilton." His many long and short team goals for the athletic department at Hamilton are based on his core values and beliefs, outlined by an acronym that Hind created to spell out "Hamilton." According to Hind, "Humility, Accountability, Meaningful, Integrity, Loyalty, Trust, Optimistic, and Noteworthy," are the qualities and values that should underlie the work of all Hamilton athletes and coaches.

Hind wants to continue taking the Hamilton Athletic department in the same direction that he believes the college is going "[on] a journey towards excellence." He noted that the athletic department is very influencial in the lives of Hamilton students because most students are involved in the athletic department in some way, be it as student athletes, through intramural sports, or in physical education classes. Hind said the most exciting part about being the athletic director at Hamilton is the "opportunity to have an impact on student's lives,"

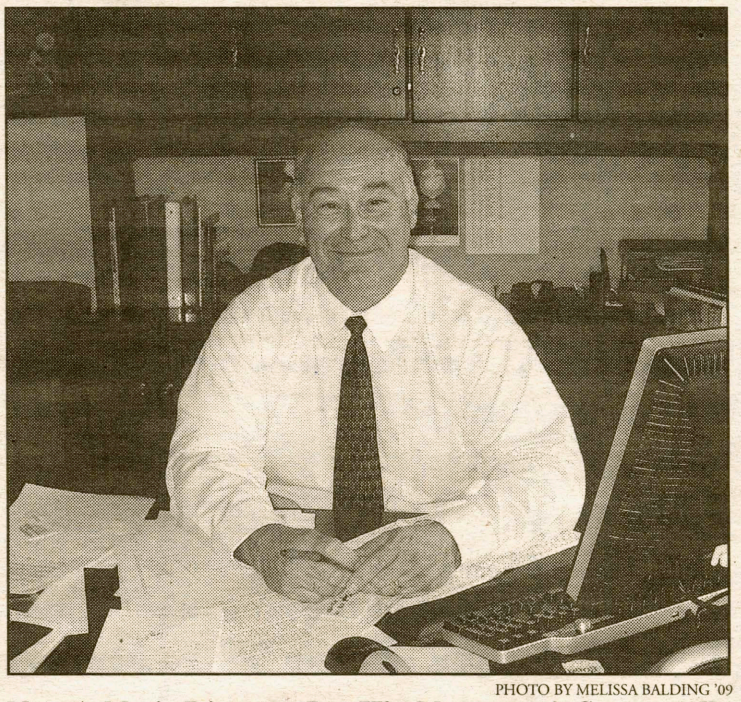


PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

New Athletic Director Jon Hind hopes to influence all Hamilton athletes and students.

Hind also wants to create a more unified athletic department. He plans to hold a meeting for all intercollegiate student athletes to talk about participation and expectations for both athletes and coaches. Along with creating a more cohesive department, some of Hind's personal initiatives include working on sportsmanship and improving group and team dynamics.

Hind commented, "I really am thrilled to be back," and adds, "I just plan on doing things that have meaning and keeping a positive spin."

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

A Message for the ~~Fresh Meat~~ Freshmen:

Don't Drink the Jungle Juice (and other advice)

by Francesca Villa '10
Insights & Ideas Columnist

For the ~~Fresh Meat~~ Freshmen:

By now, you are all moved in, learning to share a bathroom with three complete strangers or trying to sit comfortably in a Dunham quad without accidentally getting to second base with a roommate. By now you have also experienced the first hectic week of classes, maybe your first (and last) barn party, and the "always smooth" taste of Keystone Light. As a sophomore girl, I have returned to Hamilton with a year of edjumacation under my belt and some advice for the females and males in the class of 2011.

So in no particular order, here is my limited survival guide for freshman year.

Talk to your roommates. If you have problems with them eating all your Easy Mac while you sleep or borrowing your toothbrush to clean their keyboard, speak up. The more you pretend it doesn't bother you, the more it actually will. Try to address the problem as civilly as possible, because even though stolen Easy Mac should be a criminal offense, you still have to live with the offender after you tell them off. Conversely, roommates can be great resources. You can bounce ideas off them, complain about pretty much anything to them, or even form friendships that last more than two semesters.

Befriend the upperclassmen. Don't tell them I told you this, but we are actually just as interested in you as you are in us. True, most upperclassmen expect and usually deserve some respect, but we are still all students at the same college. The more friends you have in freshman at some point, so suck it up and smile a little more, or at least try not to start every interaction with the evil eye.

Take advantage of Hamilton's resources. If your homework is confusing or you are worried about a paper, go to your professor's office hours because in most cases they are more than willing to help. If you don't know how to use the library or any of the online catalogs, ask someone for a tutorial. Once you figure out how everything works, it makes the academic part of school so much easier.

Study. Sure, 74 percent of you graduated in the top 10 percent of your high school classes, but that doesn't make college any easier. If your professor holds a study session, be there. In college there are usually no more than four tests a semester so do the math. If you fail one, it makes passing the class a whole lot harder. If you do your homework and participate in class, the grades will come, as long as you study a week, or at least a few days, in advance.

Attend campus events. Even if the party on the third floor is serving Jello shots, don't avoid CAB activities because half the time they turn out to be pretty good, and when they are not, you can always leave. Last year Mat Kearney performed, and embarrassingly enough, I didn't go. Now he has videos on MTV every other day, and all I can say is that he came here but I was too "busy" to see him.

Don't wear a black Northface to any social event (especially a Bundy party), unless of course you like trying to fit the wrong key into your door at two a.m. And if you want to locate yours, good luck - I'd hire a bloodhound.

Now, this piece of advice is given to every freshman girl, but it should probably be extended to the guys as well. Although I am contradicting my advice in number two, it is important to decide exactly how friendly you want to be with the upperclassmen. Girls, if ten different guys, who all seem to be in the same "social society," all happen to show an intense interest in your life history, heads up: They might be interested in more than just your favorite color. And guys, if you feel pressured, just hold up those STOP cards and hope for the best.

So, in conclusion, work hard, play hard, and try not to piss off too many people. Freshman year is (hopefully) a once in a lifetime experience. Have fun, make new friends, and DON'T drink the jungle juice.

By now, you are moved in, learning to share a bathroom with three complete strangers or trying to sit comfortably in a Dunham quad without accidentally getting to second base with a roommate.

Thumbs up

- Bars and twenty person roman baths are installed in Babbitt. Way to create the perfect situation for a drunken orgy (thanks).

- The hand sanitizers in Commons: They can wash away the stench of Utica style greens, but not the shame.

- You can go to *Let Me Down Easy* to learn about the "resilience and fragility of the human body" or you can come to Babbitt 26 or the third floor of Eels and learn about the resilience and fragility of deez nuts.

- Juniors stompin' the yard at the freshman dance party: After a while you're just a creep.

Thumbs down

- The massive excavation pit next to KJ: I hope physical plant finds the Arc of the Covenant before the Nazis do.

- The new McEwen: Thank you Motel 6 for your leftover complimentary breakfast room furniture.

- Capoeira practices outside Dunham to remind everyone that Hamilton supports the Special Olympics.

- Getting arrested: Turns out having your own house doesn't give you diplomatic immunity.

Who Cares?

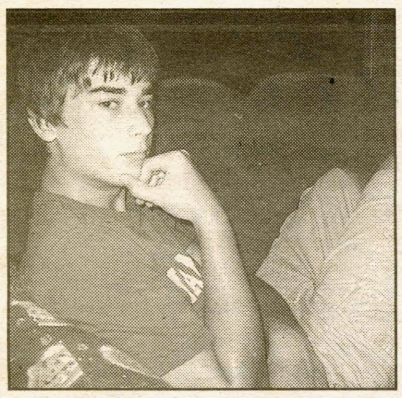
- Michael Vick: All dogs go to heaven, his just get there faster.

- Orientation Leaders: Don't worry, I'm sure you'll make AA next year.

- The Blood Juice Bar closes! Where else am I going to go to find battery-acid flavored smoothies?

- "The Anime Club Wants You!"... never to get laid.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08

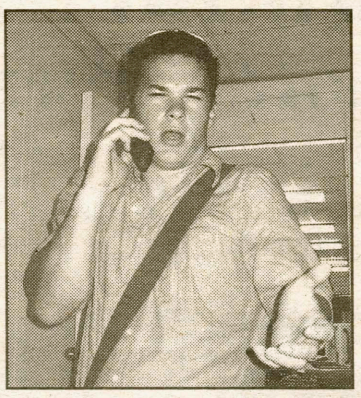


"They're like a swarm of locusts."

- Jacob Murray '09

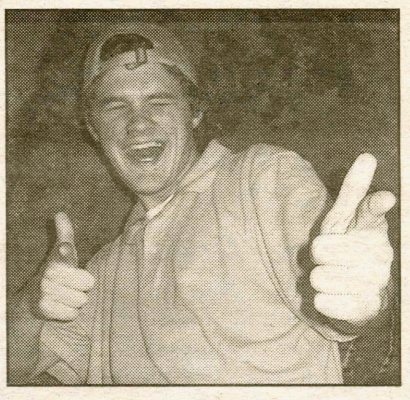
"Dreamweaver."

- Johanna Pajak '09



"Here for five days and the rock swing was *already* broken? Tsk tsk."

- Jerome "Harry" Noel '09



"918-606-2313."

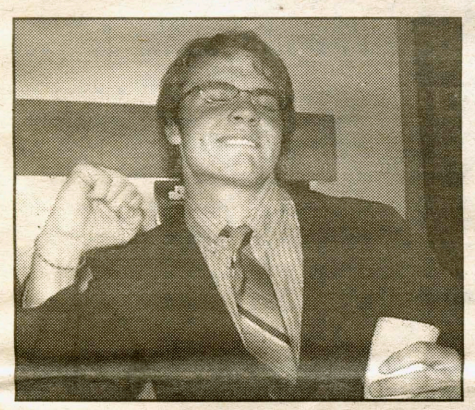
- Kevin O'Connor '09

Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question:

What's your first impression of the class of 2011?

by Melissa Balding '09

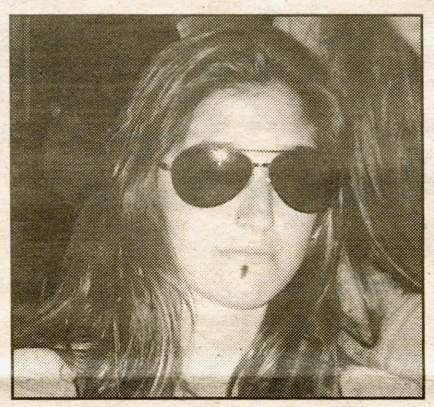


"They're as pure as baby unicorns. Drunken, slutty baby unicorns."

- Steve Allinger '09

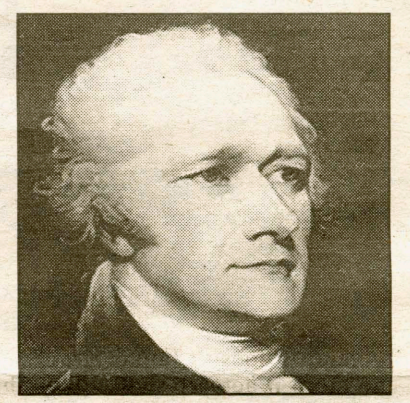
"OOH...can't touch this...Da na na na."

- Lauren Moon '09



"Wow, Amherst rejected some good kids this year."

- Sarah Cornblath '08



"Freshmen? What freshmen? I haven't noticed anything new."

- Everyone

Welcome (Back) to the Country Club

by Halley Allaire '08
Insights & Ideas Columnist

To all the freshies who have recently gained admission to this little hamlet we call home: Welcome! Hamilton is pleased to grant you acceptance to one of the northeast's most selective country clubs.

While we may not advertise our true purpose, we feel confident that those members we may accept have all the desirable qualities.

Our applicants are of the highest caliber: studious, sociable, and above all ready for anything. While the dues may reach higher than the chapel steeple as the Buffers so aptly remind us, your money has been invested well.

Sports and Recreation: The amenities on grounds include a lush nine-hole golf course, miles of paths waiting for exploration by runners or walkers on and off the road, and a world class gymnasium should the weather turn sour. We ask our members to kindly refrain from neglecting outdoor opportunities. The warmer season is brief yet rewarding. Moonlit golf games or Glen walks are some of the finest sport available. It is incomprehensible how other clubs seem to frown upon such sport.

Fine Dining: I wish to dispel a rumor for the freshman ladies. It is false to say that the men of Hamilton do not take our ladies on dates. In fact, they do. Yearly dues to this institution support a range of fine dining opportunities, which the Hamilton men are good enough to patronize.

To keep the riffraff out of these hallowed halls, the management has instituted a system of meal cards.

Should a young lady be comely enough, perhaps she will be lucky enough to be treated by her man to a bonus meal at the world famous Howard Diner.

Entertainment: One of the most alluring qualities of Hamilton Country Club is the variety of entertainers who travel distances for the honor of performing in our very own Events Barn.

From that Regurgitator to Mr. Belding to Bela Fleck and the Fleck Tones, CAB truly offers a rainbow of events. Intermixed with the more lively events are exciting movie screenings. Each weekend a recent box office favorite is imported to the KJ Aud to compliment the ever- popular diner dates.

Social Hosts: Included in the Club's entertainment repertoire are a number of exciting late night socials hosted by a range of our society members. These activities vary from the finery of formal dinners to the much anticipated late night ho-downs. Here you may find the chance to meet up with some kids that just like to get down.

The Greek system coordinates a yearly schedule of themed parties. Some of the more anticipated events are Gin and Juice, Farm Party, and Mexican Night. One tip which might come in handy at these events: no sandals, no black North Face fleeces. Other social hosts offer equally raucous dances, including the warning-worthy Rocky Horror. These are the nights hard spirits were made for.

To our new or returning members: welcome home. Welcome to a place where any time of the night or day, someone is probably playing Journey or Cascada on max, some sort of food or drink is always available, where procrastination is facilitated by Beirut or video games. And most importantly, the real world is quite literally miles away. Take advantage of your time here at Hamilton Country Club. Membership will be revoked after a scant four seasons.

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Calling All Cartoonists!

The Spectator is looking for cartoonists this semester.

E-mail phodgens if you're interested.

Summer at Hamilton:
What Students Were Up To On The Hill

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The research that took place at Hamilton this summer embodied the college's academic spirit of free thought.

By Emily Gerston '11
FEATURES WRITER

Jerome Noel '09

For Jerome Noel '09, the past summer meant research and books, not beaches and goofing off with friends. Thanks to a Levitt Fellowship, Noel spent seven weeks of his summer living in Bundy doing an independent research project on how Abraham Lincoln changed the role of the office of the president. "What I was looking for was how his words shaped policy," explained Noel, "how he changed the role of the executive and how he influenced the role of the office of the president."

Noel spent most of his time looking at secondary sources from the Civil War time period and Lincoln's speeches. "It was mostly just a lot of intensive reading," he said.

While some would have been bored by the many hours spent poring over old texts, Noel's interest in Lincoln never waned. "[It] happens with just tedious summer research [to some people]. You either get sick of it or you get bored of it. That didn't happen to me," said Noel.

Noel was advised by Professor Doug Ambrose of the history department for the duration of the project.

"He gave me a lot of focus and direction," said Noel. Ambrose would recommend, but not assign, books for Noel to read and helped to review Noel's writing.

"He's just been a great resource and a great advisor," said Noel.

Noel's research on Lincoln wasn't sparked by a particular class he took, but by a longheld curiousity.

"I read a book about the very end of the civil war written by a historian… and he tied it into how the confederacy fell and Lincoln was shot. I was really intrigued by Lincoln's legacy, what he would have done, and by his words and the power they had," explained Noel. "My roommates think I'm crazy because I have 14 or 15 books on Lincoln on a bookshelf."

If the opportunity for another research project presented itself, Noel said he would jump at it.

"I'd love to, if given the opportunity and if everything falls into place."

By Fenglin Zhao '10
FEATURES WRITER

Peter Kosgei '10

Working in the environmental protection office this summer was definitely a win-win situation for Peter Kosgei '10 (Kenya). Not only has this physical chemistry major gained academically-related experiences from his work, he also made money for his air ticket back home for this coming winter.

Over the summer, Kosgei worked under Brian Hansen, director of environmental protection and safety for Physical Plant. His main responsibility was doing inventory for chemicals in the stockroom. Kosgei was in charge of filing material safety data sheets (MSDS) for every chemical. An MSDS includes information on safe handling of the chemical, its impact on human body and the environment.

" A MSDS is like a manual for each chemical. My job is to make sure that potential handlers have all the information on them." Kosgei explained. Whenever there was a missing MSDS, he had to get on the Internet and search for it.

"It's somewhat like a research job," Kosgei said," by doing my job, I got to know thousands of incoming and outgoing chemicals in the stockroom."

Kosgei is also a member of the college track team. During the summer, he participated in The Boilermaker 15K road run race annually held in Utica. He completed the distance (about 9.3 miles) in a mere 48 minutes and 25 seconds, coming in twenty-fifth among 12,000 runners.

Kosgei described his summer experience at Hamilton as both rewarding and challenging: "The most difficult part was learning to be independent...I didn't like cooking that much," he recalled. Kosgei advised students who would stay on campus to maximize their summer experience by enjoying the blissful weather and trying out various activities.

In the past year, Kosgei was an active member in the West Indian and African Association, an assistant to his coach on the track team. When asked about his future plans, Kosgei said that he would continue his current activities, spend next summer doing research and eventually go to UMass for graduate studies.

"I want to be an international chemical engineer," he said. As a passionate, optimistic and cheerful sophomore, Kosgei certainly dreams big.

By Rebekah Mintzer '09
FEATURES EDITOR

Kim Craig '08

Kim Craig '08 spent Summer 2007 at Hamilton preparing for and conducting a psychological study. Along with Miranda Raimondi '08 and Danica Wuelfing '10, and under the auspices of Associate Professor of Psychology Penny Yee, Craig studied the effects of negative priming and semantics on learning and memory.

Craig was first inspired to take on summer research about learning and memory when she and Raimondi took Professor Yee's Memory and Cognition course last spring, and became interested in how memory responds to different stimuli. With her team Craig spent the beginning of the summer debugging the computer systems being used for the experiment, and preparing for the testing stage. Most of the rest of her summer at Hamilton was spent testing the participants and prepping the data gathered for analysis. Craig appreciated having a team of three by her side, rather than reasearching alone.

"We were able to complete long, potentially tedious and interminable tasks much more quickly," Craig said of the team environment, "and it was also a great way to make sure that we were doing everything correctly and in the most efficient way."

Craig enjoyed the camaraderie that devleopped between students at Hamilton for the summer, and said that she met people who she otherwise would not have interacted with during the regular school year. As a Psychology major, Craig plans to continue her summer research by incorporating it into the senior thesis that she will write this year.

"The research is still in the early stages," said Craig, "however our preliminary analyses look good. We think we have some good leads into figuring out how learning works in our research paradigm."

By Bianca Dragan '10
FEATURES EDITOR

Fallon Chipidza '10

Over the summer, Fallon Chipidza '10 (Zimbabwe) spent ten weeks working with Assistant Professor of Chemistry Camille Jones to analyze the water-guest relationship in semiclathrates. Eight hours a day, five days a week, she was in the lab researching the relationship between guest molecules (TBAF, TBAC, TBAB, TBAH) and crystallized water molecules(semi-clathrates) which are also called "cages" in lay man's terms. Dr. Jones' lab also traveled to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Maryland to analyze their samples using high energy Neutron Scattering beams. When asked about the conclusion of the research, Chipidza confessed: "We've understood a lot about the relationship between the guest (the TBA series) and the host cage (semi-clathrate), but scientific research is an on-going process so there is still a lot more work to be done."

Fallon has also explored the campus surroundings, bike riding with other students to the farms and ice-cream places around Hamilton. She has also volunteered for SHINE, tutoring refugees in Utica. Fallon, a potential Chemistry and Economics double major, is committed to doing great things during the academic year too; she is an RA in Root Residence Hall, secretary of the West Indian and African Association (WIAA), member of the Christian Fellowship, the new Athletic Trainer for the volleyball team, co-host of the African radio show with Sakhile Matlhare `10 and a DJ on the ESOL's radio show "From Where I Sit" on WHCL. Fallon also sings in the Gospel choir and for the Praise and Worship Team every Sunday at church.

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Summer at Hamilton: What You Have Missed

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New Setup in Mc Ewen

Mc Ewen Dining Hall on the dark side got quite a make-over during the summer. The charmingly hippie-esque dining hall now contains booths and small four-person tables rather than the larger round tables that used to dominate the space. Tree-huggers will be glad to hear that all of this new dining equipment, including comfy new chairs,

PHOTO BY SARAH GOODELL '11
Mc Ewen goes even more green friendly this year.

are made from recycled materials, and everything down to the glue on the carpets is environementally safe. If you have not checked out Judy's new home yet, be sure that you do soon...

Summer Construction

One would have to be pretty oblivious not to notice the extensive construction occurring around campus, especially near KJ. Over the summer, kitchenettes and bathrooms were upgraded in Babbitt. The Chapel steps were redone, and the ceilings in Dunham and chimneys in Kirkland got touch ups. The most apparent construction though, is the continuing work on KJ, which will not be done until August 2009, and is currently diverting students from their normal paths across campus.

PHOTO BY LAURA LEONARD '11
K.J. is under heavy construction.

Building Switch

Renovations to the Siuda House (formerly the Sigma Phi House) were completed, allowing it to become an attractive new admissions center for the college. The former admissions building, the Elihu Root House, is now the Registrar's Office, which means students will now get much more exercise while trying to turn in those annoying drop/add forms. The Dean of Students' Office has also moved to the Elihu Root House.

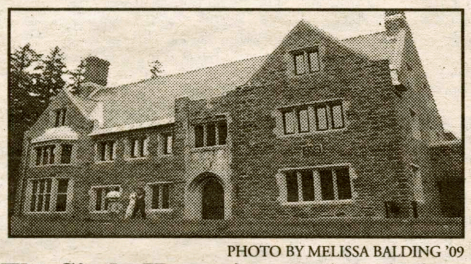
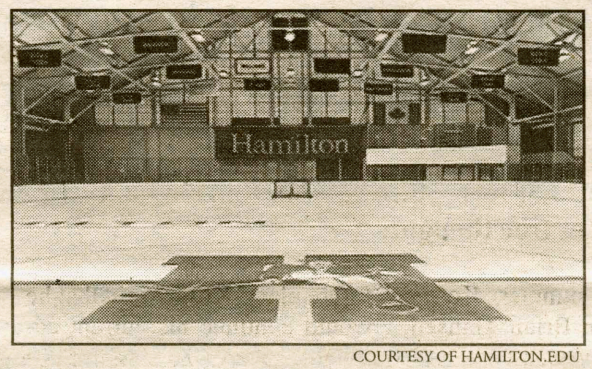


PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09
The Siuda House is now Admissions.

Summer Camps

Each year, Hamilton hosts a number of summer camps for young kids. This year, Hamilton's head women's basketball coach G.P. Gromacki directed a general summer sports camp at the college. Other camps applying to specific sports like swimming, basketball, and hockey, were held as well and coached largely by the Hamilton athletic staff.

In addition, Professor John Adams held a five-day public speaking camp for elementary and middle school students that aimed to teach them the history and importance of good rhetoric.



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Hamilton held sports camps this summer, including hockey camp.

Adirondack Adventure

On August 13, half of the class of 2011 came prepared to face lions and spiders and bears in the Adirondacks, giving up cell phones, lipsticks and laptops for eight days.

This year, Adirondack Adventure, Hamilton's outdoor program for incoming students, has reached a record participation level of 230 first-year students. Beginners or advanced, they have enrolled in 27 different trips, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing or kayaking in various locations in the Adirondacks.

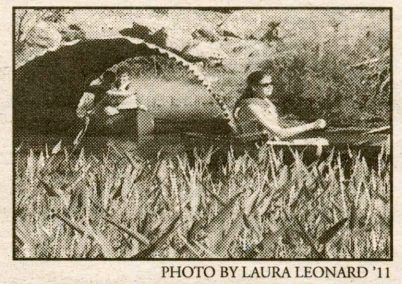

PHOTO BY LAURA LEONARD '11
Freshmen participated in AA.

New Mail Center Policy and New Tracking System for packages

Starting August 15, 2007, all student mail (Mail, magazines, newspapers, bank statements, bills, packages, everything – even campus mail) must include the student's campus mailbox number. The mailboxes are no longer in alphabetical order and if the mail doesn't have a mailbox number in the address, it will be delayed.

Another change in the mail center is the new tracking system for UPS and USPS packages. Students will no longer receive the pink or beige package cards in their mailboxes. The system will automatically generate an e-mail to each person for each package they get. This is how students will know if they have a UPS or USPS package. Students will still receive package cards for Fed Ex [blue] and DHL [green], so they still need to check their mailboxes each day. Those packages will be picked up at the stamp window. With the new tracking system, students need to sign and show their ID card to pick up a package.

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The mail center has a new package tracking system.

Wireless Network

As a result of a $370,000 gift from charter trustee David Solomon '84 and his wife, the wireless network access has been expanded campus wide. This expansion also includes a significant enhancement to the security of information transmitted wirelessly. Almost all indoor and outdoor areas of campus are fully covered, except for the Blood Fitness Center, Buttrick, Bendedict and Molly Root House where wireless access is partially available.

To connect to the secure wireless network Hamilton students must have a laptop computer capable of running on the wireless network and configure their system according to their operating system.

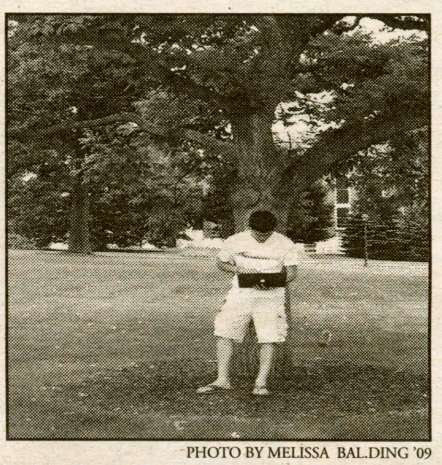

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09
Now students can enjoy both nature and Facebook.

Lotions and Potions: It's Time for Summer Recovery!

by Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

True confession: Summer rocks. No debating *that*. But at the end of it, your skin is dry and flaky; and your hair is fried from too much sun, sand, and salt. You might look like a seagull. And that's not attractive, especially when the look for fall is much more poised and glam. So here are some beauty recovery tips to get things back to normal:

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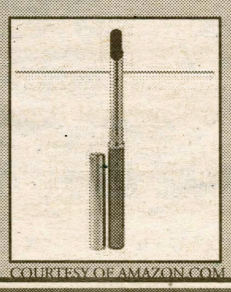

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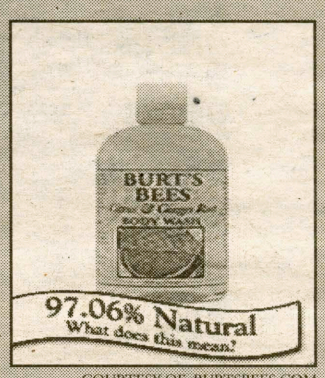

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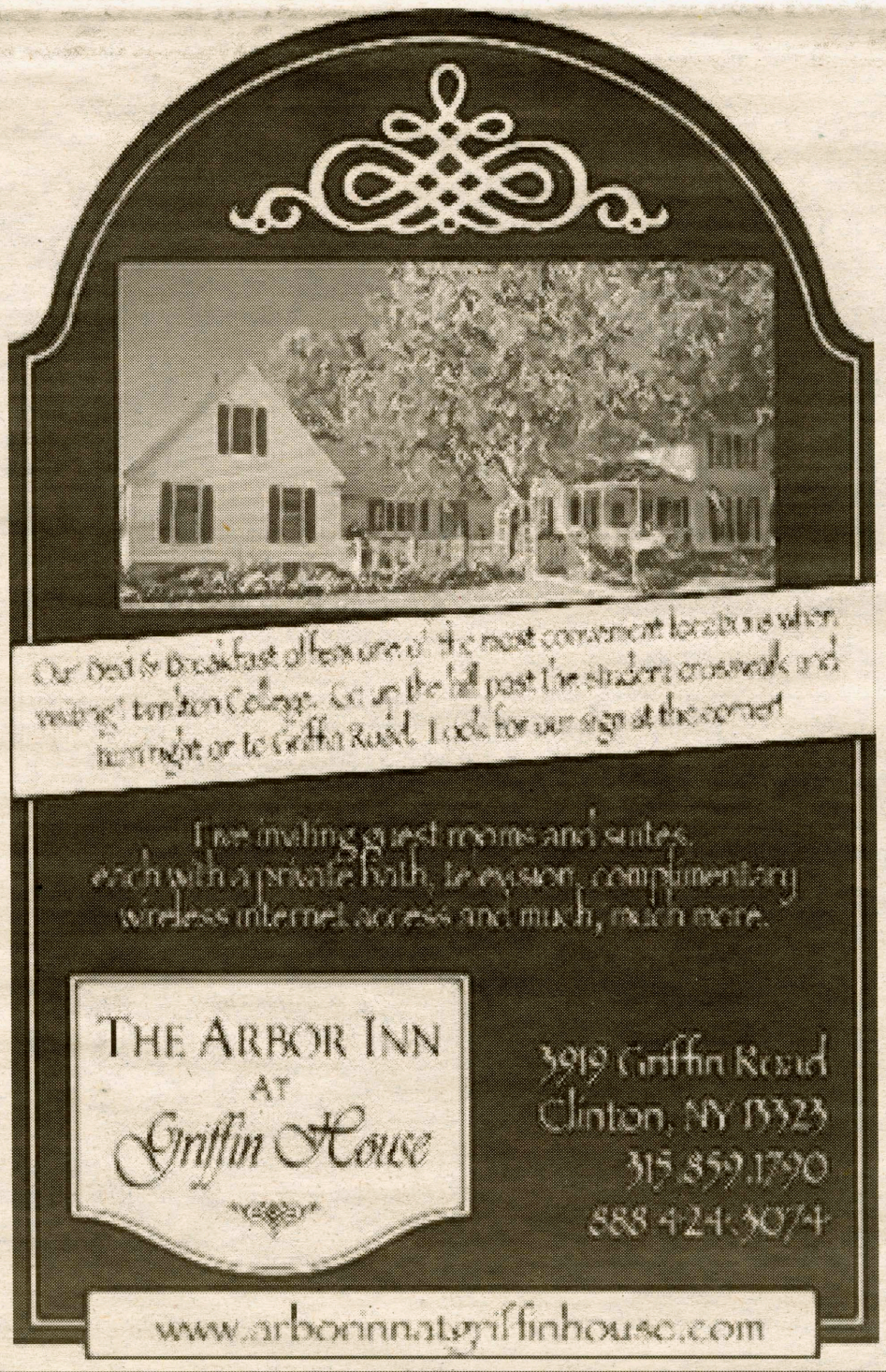
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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

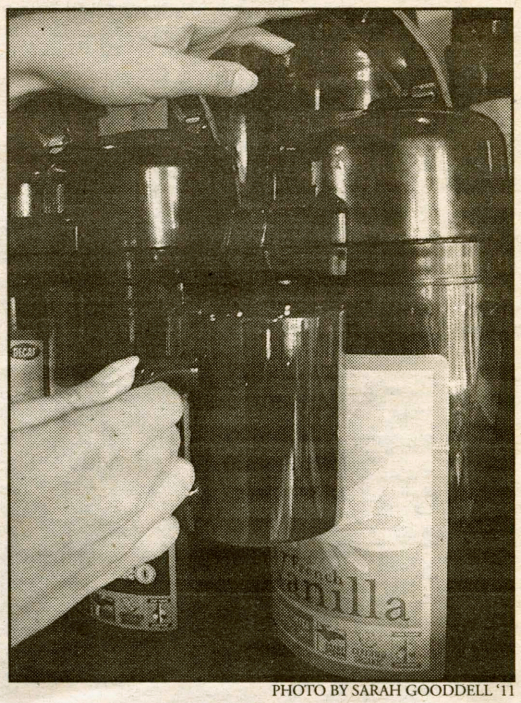
Welcome to the New McEwen!

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science and Technology Editor

As students stumbled into McEwen Monday morning at eight o'clock, still half asleep and in dire need of their usual morning coffee, muffins, cereal, eggs and other breakfast foods, they might have been surprised at what they found. Gone were the plastic 70's-style chairs and well-used tables, replaced by new and stylish booths and round tables made completely from recycled materials, including certified wood. The new McEwen is a homey, familiar, comfortable place to enjoy while eating what is still some of the best college campus food this side of the New England Culinary Institute. McEwen's Green Cafe is an exercise in making environmentally-friendly fashionable.

One special surprise for the students trundling in that first Monday morning had to be when they filled their mugs with coffee. Wait a minute. Mugs? Yes. McEwen has become the first dining hall on campus to offer ceramic mugs from which students can drink their beverages of choice. These mugs are reusable, and it's not hard to see that, with the number of students who dine at the Green Café, the campus will save a truly impressive amount of paper from ending up in landfills.

McEwen is the latest piece of a planned movement for green solutions across campus. The new Kirner-Johnson building renovations are being completed under strict environmental standards, known as LEED standards. When Kirner-Johnson is finished, it will become the second LEED silver-certified building on campus (Skenandoa House was the first.) In addition, Hamilton's food service company, Bon Appetit, has plans to limit bottled water, which is shipped thousands of miles on gas-guzzling freighter ships. Bon Appetit also plans to innovatively limit paper products in all the dining halls on campus in the forseeable future. Already, strides are being made. All the plates used at the Convocation berbeque were made from corn products, which are easily biodegradable. Many students have raised their hands and their voices in salute of the new and greener Hamilton hundreds are helping to make possible. As the students straggled out after their morning sustenace, though, many spoke to Judy Hogan, whose figure at the front of McEwen has remained constant despite the renovations. Some things, it seems, don't need replacing; some things never change. Perhaps it is this trait of the new McEwen, more than any renovation, that makes it right for Hamilton.



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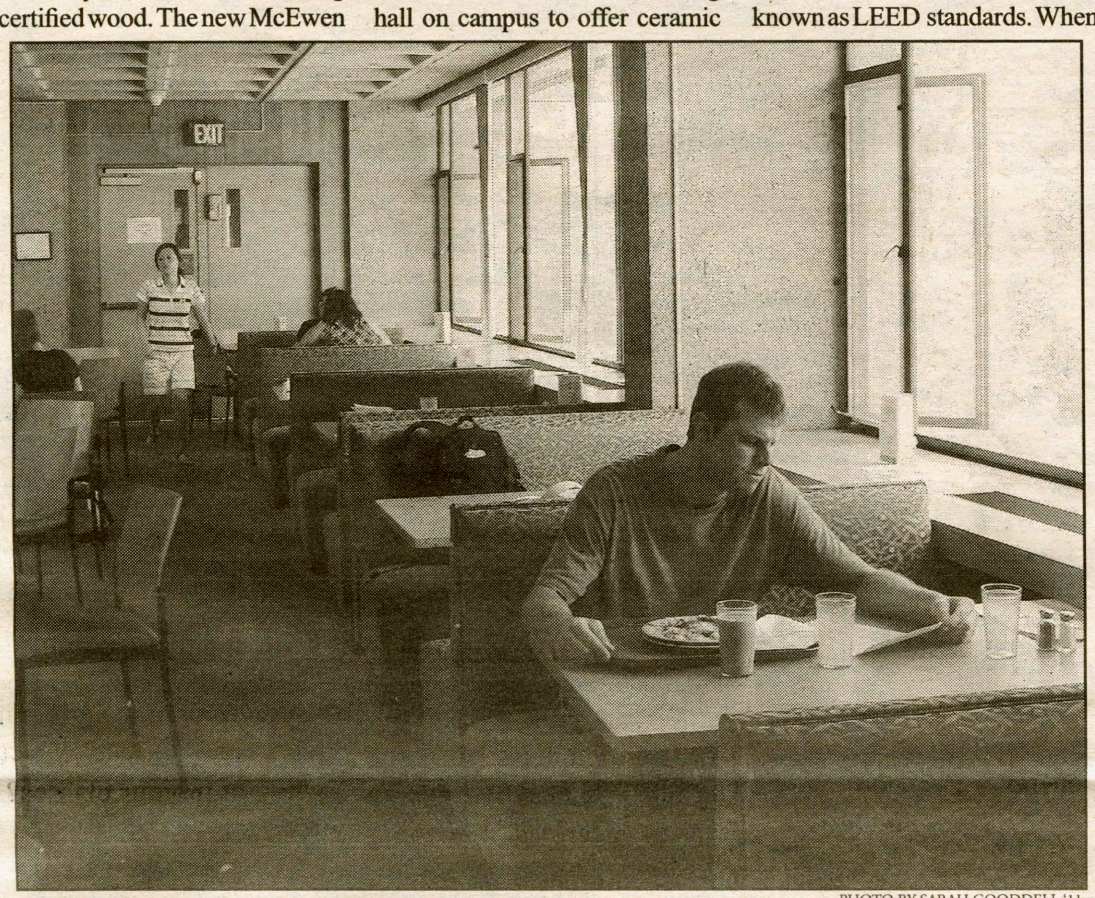
The new mugs at McEwen are good for the environment and for coffee.



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The new Green Cafe features comfortable booths which, in addition to seating more people in a smaller space, are made of 100% recycled materials.

Research @ Hamilton This Week: Christina Clark '10

by Nate Fedrizzi '11
Science & Technology Writer

Informing the average passerby that Hamilton students are studying the dehalogenation of 2,4,6 trichlorophenol will likely produce little more than confused stares and disgruntled looks. The explanation of this process in accessible English, however, is far more interesting, explained Christina Clark '10, a student who worked on the biochemistry project this summer alongside Professor Tim Elgren. "I was studying the effect of HRP, DHP, myoglobin and CPO's, which all catalyze the reaction," said Clark, still steadfastly refusing to speak English. The aforementioned abbreviated substances are in fact different enzymes that are being used to convert the subject material, trichlorophenol, into something less hazardous. When asked the purpose of the experiment, Clark lapsed back into chemistry terminology; "Trichlorophenol and halophynols are carcinogenic and mutagenic, and this experiment breaks down tricholophenol into 2,6 dichloro 2,4 benzoquinone which is nontoxic". "...The experiment basically turns toxic waste into less toxic waste" she added, eyeing an unsurprisingly glazed expression. In fact, the toxic waste being converted is an F-listed (characterized as being extremely dangerous to the environment and human health) chemical that must be shipped to Canada for disposal. This can be problematic, as toxic materials are frequently produced as the byproducts of chemistry lab experiments.

Clark and Elgren's research is also significant in that the method used to treat the waste is unique to Hamilton. "We can do the reactions in solution, or in a silica sol-gel, which encapsulates the enzyme in a small glasslike pellet," Clark explained. "The pellet has pores that allow the substrate to enter and be catalyzed, while the enzyme remains within, allowing it to be reused and cutting down on waste."

This technique is useful in that it saves expense by preserving the costly enzymes and saves time by keeping the enzymes separated from the product. Sol-gels are not yet commonly used, and the Hamilton team is the only group to use sol-gels for the dehalogenation of trichlorophenol. Advances in this research could allow the toxic waste to be broken down into less dangerous materials that could be disposed of within the US, saving transportation costs and preventing more toxic materials from entering the environment. Elgren's work on this project is ongoing, but the progress made this summer was substantial. As for Clark's favorite aspect of her research, "Working with the other people in my lab," she said, though we can safely assume her quality time spent with various enzymes and toxic waste was fulfillment enough.

An Interview with Patrick Raynard

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

Elijah LaChance: What aspects of the new Green Café do you consider particularly significant environmentally and why?

Pat Raynard: The Green Café's dining area's furniture has been replaced with carpet, chairs, and tables made from completely recycled materials. The tabletops, by manufacturer Baltix Sustainable Furniture, are made from Shetkastone: post-consumer recycled paper. Chairs are made by Source International and are upholstered in Arc Com's Eco-Tex fabric, which is 100 percent recycled polyester. Booths are made by Shelby Williams and are also covered in the Eco-Tex fabric. New carpeting in the Green Café is also environmentally friendly and uses earth-friendly glue. We have added ceramic reusable coffee cups and we are also working with a local hydroponic farmer. The hydroponic farmer will help to extend our supply of local produce to last longer into the semester.

EL: What responsibilities come with the Green Cafe for the student body?

PR: The biggest responsibility for the student body would be to help us keep our supply of reusable cups, plates and flatware. If a student happens to leave with a cup or plate, they could just bring it back next time they come in. If the plates and cups are thrown away, they are sent to a landfill where they will never decompose.

EL: How, if at all, will the food have changed?

PR: There are no large changes with the food. We will be using more local produce throughout the year. We have created a root cellar in McEwen to hold local apples, potatoes and winter squashes for us to use throughout the year. We also will be making some changes to the stir-fry area this year, just to try some different things once in a while.

*see **Bon Appetit**, page 13*

Bon Appetit Interview
*from **Interview** pg.12*

EL: What might students find to be particularly different from the old Green Café?

PR: The biggest change would have to be our new furniture and coffee cups. We hope to have students paint a mural on the big blank white wall very soon.

EL: What possible expansions of the innovations used in the Green Café could you see to other dining halls on campus?

PR: We are working to change all paper products we have on campus (Diner, Pub & Juice Bar) to biodegradable and compostable. We also will be incorporating quite a bit of hydroponic produce at our other locations. We will also look down the road at adding ceramic coffee cups to Commons as well.

EL: What other projects is Bon Appetit working on here at Hamilton to decrease environmental impact that you would like students to know about?

PR: We are currently working on ways to decrease our bottled water usage on campus. For the opening picnic this year we switched to bulk spring water served in cups made out of corn. If we can reduce the bottled water for large events on campus, we hope save at least 10,000 bottles this year alone. We are also working to make the food we purchase more "carbon friendly." We hope by the end of this school year the majority of the food we purchase will only come from within the United States. We do not want the food you dine on to have to come from thousands of miles away. We will be having a low carbon menu day in the spring to coincide with Earth Day. That day everything on the menu will come from areas as close to here as possible, so that day you may not see bananas or pineapples.

EL: Where should students send questions or comments about the new Green Café?

PR: If anyone has any questions, they can contact me, Pat Raynard, at praynard@hamilton.edu

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September 8th

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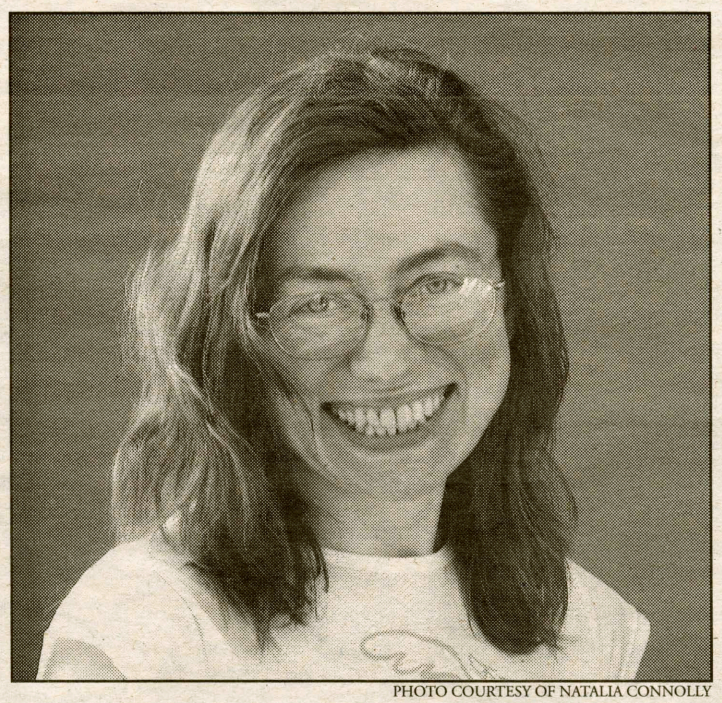
PROFESSOR PROFILE

Natalia Connoly: Physics



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THE FACTS:

Name: Natalia Connolly
Department: Physics
Birthplace: Minsk, Belarus
College: Kenyon College
Ph.D. Work: University of California Santa Barbara
Research Focus: Dark energy

INTERVIEW SECTION:

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Natalia Connolly: The three words I'd use would be, "Talk to me."

EL: What areas of physics most interest you and why?

NC: Particle physics and cosmology. I feel that one can't get to a more fundamental level than what these two branches of physics offer, and I've always wanted to understand nature at the most basic level possible. In particle physics, we study the smallest possible scales; and in cosmology, the largest possible scales. Only working from both directions can we build up a full picture of how the Universe is put together.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach physics for a living?

NC: I love physics and I love teaching. I am very lucky to have a job that lets me both teach physics and do research.

EL: Why Hamilton?

NC: I went to Kenyon College in Gambier, OH as an undergrad. Kenyon is a small liberal arts college, and I really enjoyed it! I loved the focus on the individual, the close interactions between students and faculty, and the broad ranges of interests of both students and faculty. So when I got offered a job at a place that was very much like Kenyon, I did not hesitate.

EL: What is your funniest and/or most embarrassing childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

NC: Trying to invent a substance that would burst into flames as soon as it comes in contact with air. I must have been ten or eleven. I don't know what I was thinking! Thank goodness the only result of this endeavor was a house that smelled awful for three days.

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

NC: I tend to say "you know" a lot. I am working on it.

EL: What is your favorite band or singer, your favorite ice cream flavor, your favorite book. and your favorite home-cooked meal?

NC: I like "The Saw Doctors," a folk-rock band from Ireland. My favorite ice cream flavor is mint chocolate chip. There are far too many of my favorite books (I'd run out of room very quickly if I started listing them all!) The one I am thoroughly enjoying at the moment is *The Mythmaker: Paul and the Invention of Christianity* by Hyam Maccoby. My favorite home-cooked meal is potato pancakes.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

NC: I am very enthusiastic about physics, and I hope that comes through in my classes. As to what the students can expect, I might occasionally throw in some problems that I had to solve as a high school student in Minsk, Belarus. I am curious to see what the American students will think of them.

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

NC: Sleeping in the physics lab on one of those hard lab benches, with a copy of the CRC Handbook for a pillow.

EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you around town or on campus?

NC: Hopefully, the music building (I play the piano), the Fitness Center or the dance studio. Plus anywhere they sell coffee!

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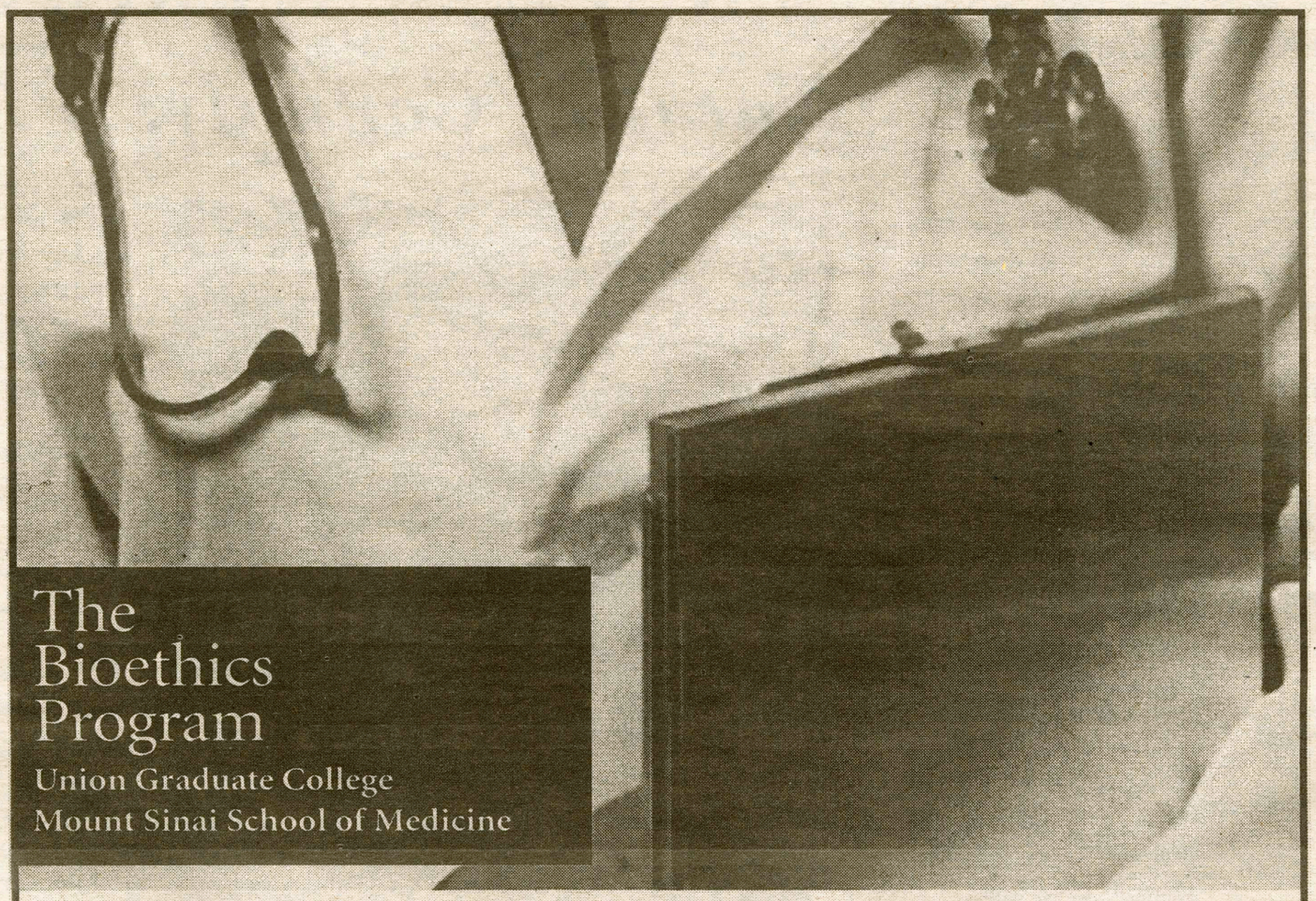

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by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

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1. High School Musical 2 - Soundtrack
2. Magic - Bruce Springsteen
3. Coco - Colbie Caillat
4. Live At Radio City - Dave Matthews & Tim Reynolds
5. The Altar and the Door - Casting Crowns

Top Songs
1. Stronger - Kanye West
2. Crank That - Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
3. Rockstar - Nickelback
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5. Beautiful Girls - Sean Kingston

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. Superbad
2. The Bourne Ultimatum
3. Rush Hour 3
4. Mr. Bean's Holiday
5. War
6. The Nanny Diaries
7. The Simpsons Movie
8. Stardust
9. Hairspray
10. The Invasion

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
2. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
3. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
4. THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN, by Claire Messud
5. ALMOST DEAD, by Lisa Jackson

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
2. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
3. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
4. THE WORLD IS FLAT, by Thomas L. Friedman
5. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relinon

Justin Timberlake: Truly Bringing Sexy Back

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Justin Timberlake's newest CD, *Futuresex/Lovesounds*, has already had several hit singles whose themes are not a far cry from his *NSYNC days.

"She's freaky and she knows it/She's freaky and I like it" may not seem particularly artistic to the musical chauvinist. However, Justin Timberlake has entered the awkward, uncharted purgatory of genres and made it cool.

Through his frequent collaboration with rapper/producer Timbaland, Timberlake has combined the saccharine tunes and hormone-induced lyrics of the era of boy bands with today's biggest seller: hip-hop. This infusion of heavy rhythm and bass into what would otherwise be just pop music makes Timberlake's songs perfect to dance to and are the ideal club anthems for young adults. But there is more to Timberlake's talent than catchy tunes (and an attractive physique).

According to Timbaland in an article he wrote for *Time*, "[Justin] has this ability to come into the studio and—boom! — the song is created. He doesn't write anything down, and he gets it right the first time." This is the sort of improvisational skill that greats such as Bob Marley and Led Zeppelin used both in and out of the studio, producing hit after hit. Critics may say Timberlake's music lacks personality, but his infusion of genres and complex message quiet these comments.

Two of Timberlake's most recent singles drastically change in their final minutes. The thumping beats of "What Goes Around Comes Around" and "Lovestoned" are mellowed to sincere tunes that somehow do not reek of the 90s. As far as his complex message, Timberlake portrays himself as a man who is after a relationship but is still independent. As he indicates in "Sexyback," *he* is the one bringing sexy back, but he can still be her slave if she will let him. The overriding message of purely physical attraction is also undermined when he says, "I think you're special," telling other men that it's all right to actually like a woman for who she is while still looking at those hips.

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Justin Timberlake has a surprise for everyone, and it's not just in his music...

Timberlake's career as an artist is definitely taking off and is nowhere near its pinnacle as his music continues to evolve with the eternally fluctuating music world.

Entertaining Things from the World of Entertainment

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Photos of Lindsay Lohan wearing white and reading her AA book in rehab help people come to the conclusion that she's 'at peace.' Maybe the fact that she won't be going to jail like a normal person helps...

Lost will introduce five new actors this season... but don't worry, they're just as lost as the rest of us.

Reports of Owen Wilson attempting suicide surface after the actor is whisked away in an ambulance. The untold story: he broke his nose again and now refuses to be seen in public.

Jen from Big Brother claims the TV show made her look like a fool...but then again, she did sign up willingly.

Britney Spears plans on attempting a 'comeback' -- maybe she should just do the cool thing and go to rehab.

MTV is revamping itself after viewership plunges faster than Paris Hilton's IQ. Wait, does this mean they're actually going to have MUSIC television again?

Jackie Chan is set to produce and star in an immigrant drama titled " The Shinjuku Incident." No reports if Chris Tucker will co-star as Chan's annoying side-kick.

Gym Class Heroes Set To Rock The Hill

by Adeline Crites-Moore '10
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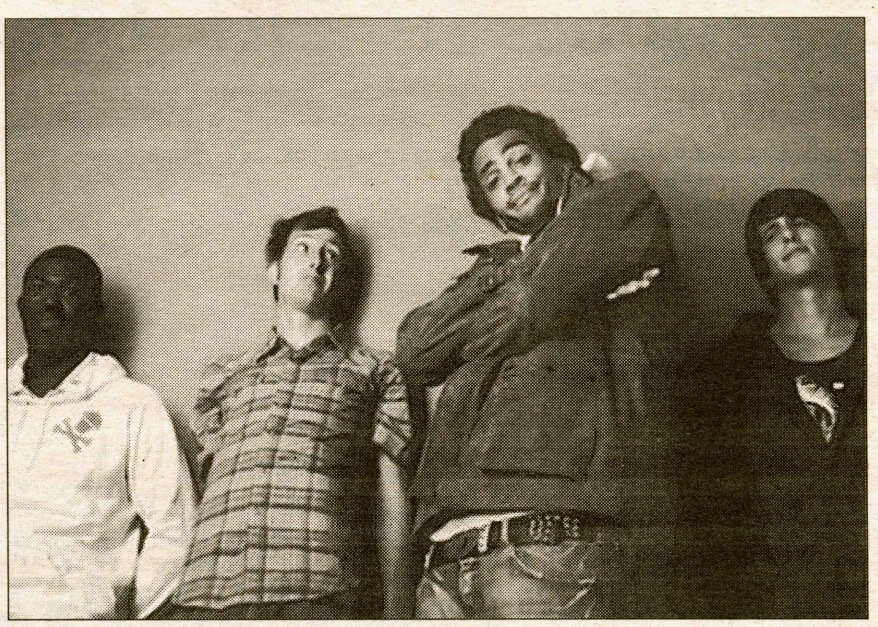
The news spread quickly across campus, and yes, it is true: Gym Class Heroes are coming to Hamilton. In what is sure to be one of the biggest shows brought to campus by Campus Activities Board (C.A.B.), Gym Class Heroes will be performing in the Annex on September 22. With openers The Pack and Tyga, doors open at six p.m. and the music kicks off at seven.

"Cupid's Chokehold" is probably the most widely recognized song by Gym Class Heroes, particularly for those of us who mainly listen to the radio. But the band's success extends far beyond one top single. Their current tour schedule includes concerts across the country with Fall Out Boy, Plain White Ts, and Cute is What We Aim For. In 2005 and 2006, Gym Class Heroes participated in The Warped Tour.

Current accolades for the band are two MTV Video Music Awards nominations: Best Group and Best New Artist. Gym Class Heroes will be featured in a live performance on the VMAs, and in celebration of this event, C.A.B. is selling tickets on September 9th, the date of the VMAs.



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Gym Class Heroes will be performing in the Annex on September 22, and tickets will go on sale September 9.

The openers for Hamilton College's show are not without their own fame. The Pack, a Berkeley-based rap group, gained popularity through their song "Vans," which aired on MTV and BET. MTV stirred up a fair level of controversy when they refused to air the video with the word "vans" intact because of advertising conflicts. The video aired as an edited version with the word "vans" removed.

Tyga is also a rap group and hails from Compton, California. While the group is somewhat less well-known than Gym Class Heroes or The Pack, C.A.B. concerts are a great place to hear groups that are sure to become wildly popular in a few years.

Be sure to buy your tickets, on sale September 9! Details regarding ticket price and sale locations are forthcoming. You can also support the Gym Class Heroes by voting to ensure they win at this year's VMAs.

Vote now at www.mtv.com.

Projekt Revolution: A Newbie's First Concert

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

As you might have concluded from this particular section of Arts and Entertainment, my friend and fellow editor Nicole and I attended the Projekt Revolution concert on Tuesday, August 28. This was the first really big concert that I had ever been to, so it was very exciting for me.

Although there will no doubt be articles about Projekt Revolution by experienced concertgoers, for this particular piece I thought that it would be interesting to talk about my experiences through a "newbie's" perspective.

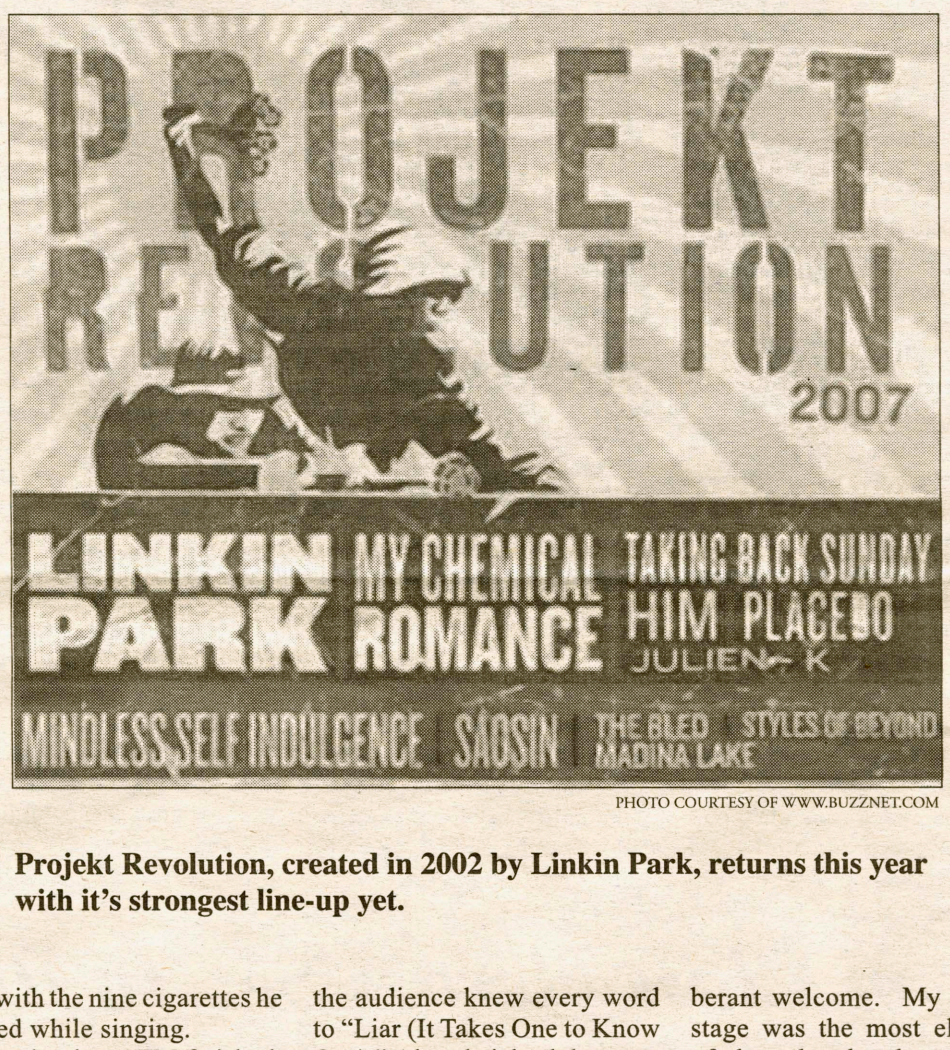
First of all, Nicole and I were able to get amazing tickets, right in the pit. Not bad luck for a first time concert attendee, huh? We arrived just in time to see Julien-K perform, an act that was amusing all in itself. The over-use of techno beats and voice adapters begged listeners to mock them. Also highly amusing was the fact that the lead singer, Ryan Shuck, wore his guitar simply as an accessory—very rarely playing it during the show. I must say though, that the songs that they performed, such as "Technical Difficulties," part of the *Transformers* soundtrack, and "Systeme de Sexe," were very catchy songs that kept me dancing throughout their show.

Placebo received a warm welcome from the considerably larger crowd after Julien-K finished. Brian Molko was simply irresistible and started the show off strong with "Meds," a crowd favorite. The air was pulsing with the crowd's energy, and the excitement was overwhelming. To me, Placebo was one of the best performances of the concert. The sweetest part of the performance was when Brian hugged his guitar while singing. That London boy is adorable.

Next up was HIM. Don't get me wrong, I like HIM—I really do. I just do not appreciate it when you, fan-from-hell, are screaming your enthusiasm in my ear. Repeatedly. Throughout the entire performance. Once question I highly desired to ask the girl behind me was that, if she loved HIM so much, why was she screaming throughout the songs? Besides her, HIM was enjoyable to listen to. The only fault I found with the performance was that it was difficult to understand his vocals. Maybe it had something to do with the nine cigarettes he smoked while singing.

By the time HIM finished, Nicole and I were crammed next to others like sardines. Additionally, it was extremely hot that day. Thank goodness for "fireman!" That is what Nicole and I dubbed the wonderful man whose only job appeared to be to spray the crowd with a hose. He was very enthusiastic about this job, which led me to believe that when he was little he dreamed of becoming a fireman. On that hot day his dream came true.

Next in the line up was Taking Back Sunday. I was not always the biggest TBS fan, but this performance caused me to change my opinion of them. Perhaps the highlight of this performance was that most of the audience knew every word to "Liar (It Takes One to Know One)." Also, their backdrop was fantastic: Taking Back Sunday written in huge lights above a drums in an elevated section of the stage. The band performed their big hits like "Welcome to the Black Parade," "Teenagers," "Dead," "This is How I Disappear," "Helena," "I'm Not Okay," and closed with a special rendition of "Cancer." Gerard dedicated the song "You Know What They Do to Guys like Us in Prison" to the men in the audience, and encouraged them to take off their shirts and wave them in the air. My Chemical Romance's performance still leaves me at a loss for words.



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Projekt Revolution, created in 2002 by Linkin Park, returns this year with it's strongest line-up yet.

The big Kahuna, big daddy, whopper of them all was, of course, Linkin Park. I am almost positive that I will never see another performance that will meet it's equal. Everything was perfect—the lights, the sound, and the mosh pit right next to where we were standing. Well, maybe the mosh pit was not perfect, but it was entertaining to watch the men's enthusiasm for the music turn into displays of brute force. Linkin Park, like the moshers, held back no punches, and brought out an arsenal of their best songs full force. Ranging from "Faint" to their latest release, "What I've Done," the band performed all of the crowd's favorites. My favorite part of the concert was the acoustic section, which Chester Bennington performed silhouetted by blue lights on the stage, accompanied only by Mike Shinoda on the keyboard. I very much hope that an acoustic CD is eventually released. The encore included "Bleed it Out," but Nicole and I left before it was finished in an attempt to beat traffic.

After my concert experience, I am a littler wiser, a little older, a little sorer, and I definitely would not have missed it for the world. My final words to you music lovers: Go forth into the world and support your bands.

Mixed Feelings on The Used's Latest Effort

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
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It starts off so great. The first song off of *Lies for the Liars,* "The Ripper" kicks off with great riffs, Bert's classic screams, and the kind of song-writing that I expect from The Used. Even the next song, "Pretty Handsome Awkward," is a fantastic show of The Used's ability to write catchy, rocking songs that meld beautifully into the third song and first single, "The Bird and the Worm." By the third song, you can tell that there is something different about The Used's sound. Most people would attribute that to the growth and maturity of the band.

True, "The Bird and the Worm" features some nice string arrangements by vocalist Bert McCracken that he was just beginning to develop on 2005's *In Love And Death,* but this shift in sound also signifies the beginning of an extremely schitzophrenic feel that is present on the rest of the album. Songs like "Earthquake," "Find A Way," and "With Me Tonight" seem much too mellow for the rest of the album, espeically when juxtaposed with songs such as "Liar Liar (Burn In Hell)," which takes the sound that all Used fans love and kicks it up about ten notches and a hundred decibels.

It wouldn't be so bad if it was just the individual songs that feel like they're fighting against each other. There are ways that dueling songs can make for an interesting album; however, the bipolar structure seeps into some of the songs themselves. In particular, "Wake The Dead," which starts off with just enough bouncy bass, shredding guitars, and morbid vocals to make it sound like a true Used song, cuts to a super-mellow, crooning bridge that hits faster than a metal-core riff.

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The Used, with their new drummer: (l-r) Quinn Allman, Bert McCracken, drummer Dan Whitesides, Jeph Howard.

Sure, you could blame the change in the music on the changes in the band: original drummer Branden Steineckert quit and was later replaced by Dan Whitesides, and vocalist Bert McCracken got engaged during the recording of the album. Yet when you hear songs such as "With Me Tonight" that sound nothing at all like anything The Used has ever done, you have to wonder what exactly occurred during recording.

Overall, if you like The Used to begin with, then this album is probably worth picking up. Otherwise, hitting up iTunes for the few true gems of the album, "Pretty Handsome Awkward," "Hospital," "Paralyzed," and "Liar Liar (Burn In Hell)," is probably your best bet.

Let's Start A Riot: Paramore's Brilliant New Album

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
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It takes a lot for a female-fronted band to win me over, and upon first listen of Paramore's sophomore album, *RIOT!*, I was hooked. Fronted by nineteen-year-old tangerine-haired wunder-girl Hayley Williams, most of Paramore isn't even old enough to drink, but they sure know how to write a catchy hook. The first single off of *RIOT!*, "Misery Business," hits you hard in the memory-banks with its catchy chorus and chiming "Whoa-ohs" that will have you singing it all day, even in the shower.

Williams's vocals have far exceeded her previous highs from Paramore's debut album, 2006's *All We Know Is Falling,* but more than that, she has come a long way as a songwriter. On *RIOT!,* her songs are bittersweet anthems for teenage girls and boys alike. However, the rest of the band, the Farro brothers, Zac, and Josh (drums and guitars, respectively); and Jeremy Davis (bass); help make Williams's words truly soar. Every song on this album is fantastic, and from the first song, "For A Pessimist, I'm Prett Optimistic," to the last, "Born For This," it's almost impossible not to want to at least dance along, or at most, sing along at the top of your lungs.

It's impressive to find such a young band that is able to create so many perfect pop-punk radio-ready-but-not-Nickelback-cliched songs on one album, but Paramore is that rare band that you stumble upon and never want to let go of.

Paramore is also getting a huge amount of exposure to back up their amazing album. They performed all summer on one of the mainstages of the Van's Warped Tour to crowds of thousands of fans, male and female alike, who sang along with every word.

The band is also currently Hot Topic's featured band of the month, becoming the most-played band on the iPods of mall-punks everywhere.

While it's difficult to choose highlights from such a beautifully crafted album, a few favorites include "That's What You Get," "Misery Business," "crush-crushcrush," and "Fences."

Paramore has really grown up as a band since their last album, and as more of the band begins to approach the dreaded two-oh, it's safe to say that we'll only see more fantastic music from them, espeically since *RIOT!* has the potential to be the best album of 2007.

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Paramore is just as stunned at their huge, sudden success as the rest of us. And want to know if you have some gum...

PLAYLIST: Summer Music

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
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This summer was pretty decent for music. As the tours rolled through, maybe you caught a few bands promoting their latest album, but in case you missed it, here are some highlights.

1. *Misery Business* by Paramore - Possibly the catchiest song of the summer that will have you singing along with every "Whoa-o," pint-sized tangerine-haired front woman Hayley Williams's vocals rock on the band's amazing sophomore effort.

2. *Evolution* by Korn - With an eye-opening, fact-filled video, Korn brought their new single across the country this summer on the Family Values tour.

3. *Monster* by The Automatic Automatic - In England, they're just "The Automatic," but here in America, we already have an Automatic, so they had to change things around a bit. This song is ridiculously catchy and the video features a dancing Bigfoot.

4. *Paralyzed* by The Used - From the long-awaited third album from the Used, "Lies for the Liars," *Paralyzed* is bouncy and finger-snapping, with a fun chorus and cool video made with stop-motion photographs.

5. *Can't Be Saved* by Senses Fail - After a number of line-up changes, Senses Fail hit gold after finding vocalist Buddy Nielsen, who makes things fall into place a hndred times better than a well-dubbed kung fu flick.

6. *Send My Love to the Dance Floor* by Cobra Starship - Patrick Stump from Fall Out Boy cameos in a bunny suit in the video for Cobra Starship's third single, which may just be more catchy than that song from *Snakes on A Plane.*

7. *Hey There Delilah* by The Plain White Ts - THE acoustic love-ballad of the summer, The Plain White Ts are making teenage girls everywhere turn into completely hopeless romantics.

8. *What I've Done* by Linkin Park - Off their much-anticipated third studo album, LP lost some of their nu-metal edge but retained every ounce of their ability to write amazing songs. Paired with the apocolyptic video and their extremely successful Projekt Revolution tour, Linkin Park is still a huge force in the music world.

9. *Tarantula* by Smashing Pumpkins - Even though this album only reunites half of the original band and lacks Billy Corgan's former song-writing glory, *Tarantula* is still a great single that is reminicent of the good old days of the Smashing Pumpkins.

10. *House of Cards* by Madina Lake - While this band is still on the rise and relatively unknown, you can be sure that after their stint on the Revolution Stage on this year's Projekt Revolution tour, they won't be wallowing in obscurity for long. Their single captures the best of alternative rock and somehow manages to make it better.

11. *One Love* by Aiden - This song has a video that can only be described as plain weird. A burly man dancing with a little goth ballerina? Crazy bright colors contrasted sharply with black and white? It made me feel like I was seeing the world through Dr. Seuss's eyes. That being said, Aiden's latest album is a great step forward for the band, especially since the horror-punk quintet seems determined to be more than "that band that kind of sounds like My Chemical Romance or AFI." Listen for influences of Billy Idol and other '80s glam-rockers.

Ever wish VH1 had an "I Love the 1790s?"
Do you hear Pachelbel's Canon everywhere you go?
Ever wonder what happened to American Idol losers?

Come see comedian Rob Paravonian this Saturday 8 p.m. in the Events Barn.

Offense Will Be Key to Success for Football Team

Continentals Look to Improve on Last Year's 2-6 Record

by Tim Eismeier '10
Sports Writer

Hidden away in the northeast corner on Hamilton's campus in the late afternoon, the familiar fall sounds of the gridiron can be heard. It is the first week of practice for the Men's Football Team; a team that looks energized and ready to get to work after an up and down season last year.

In the first year of Coach Steve Stetson's second installment as the Hamilton Head Football Coach the team went 2-6, winning as many games as the previous two seasons combined.

The coaching staff also produced a defense that ranked seventh out of all Division III programs in the country in scoring defense, holding the opposition to 10.3 points per game. In addition, three members of that defense were placed on the all-NESCAC team, including Taylor Soobitsky '09 who made the first team, Trevor Pedrick '09 and Matt Pitarresi '08 who were placed on the second team.

Hamilton's offense, however, did not enjoy such success. Out of the 229 Division III football teams listed on the NCAA website, Hamilton ranked dead last in points per game and next to last in total offense.

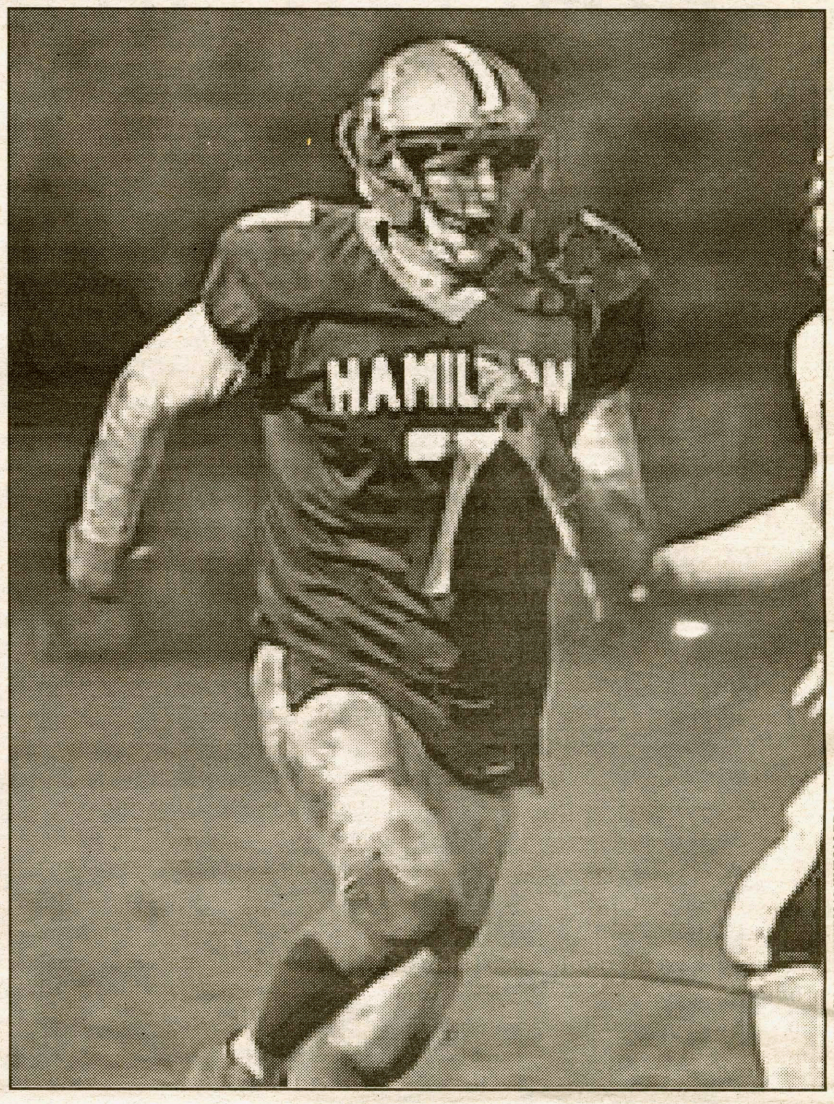
Despite this lack of offensive success in 2006, several components have changed since last year. First of all, the younger players from last year's team have gained, if not outstanding statistics, valuable experience going into this season. Additionally, the team last year had to learn a whole new system, both on offense and defense, with the arrival of a new coaching staff.

This year the system will be one that is already well established with the returning players, and also one that will incorporate a new infusion of talented players.

Another new aspect of this season has been the changes made in Coach Stetson's staff. Returning from last season's coaching staff are Coach Paul Adey, Wide Receivers Coach Jeff Moyer, Offensive Line Coach Bill Spicer, and Defensive Coordinator Mike Tracy.

Joining the staff for this year are coaches Chris Avery, Nathan Eaton, Jacob Lees and Jerry Tine. Avery, a Division II All-American and three-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference all-star from Edinboro University, will coach Hamilton's secondary. Eaton, who played Division I football at the University of Dayton, will coach the outside linebackers. Lees, a four-year starter at Buffalo State College, is the new defensive tackle coach and Tine, who has coached track and field at Hamilton since 2002, will coach the running backs for Hamilton this season.

The team will begin its season at home against Tufts on September 22 and should be successful if its defense maintains last season's level of success and its offense settles into the system that was introduced last year.



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Taylor Soobitsky '09 will lead the charge for this year's squad.

Volleyball Team Begins Season With Tournament

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Women's Volleyball Team made great strides last year. Not only was the team able to increase their victory total from the prior year to nine, but the team also matched its victory total from 2001. The Lady Continentals hope to use last year as a springboard for more future success. The team lost only three players from last year's squad and will comprise mostly sophomores and juniors.

Next weekend will present a great opportunity for Hamilton to gather confidence that can be used to fuel the team for the remainder of the season. The Continentals will head to Ithaca College on September 7 and 8, to participate in a four-team tournament.

First up is a game against the 2005 NCAA Division II National Runner-Up Baptist Bible College. Baptist is coming off an impressive year in which the team went 23-12. Hamilton will have to be prepared to face setter Christy Hoffman, a NCAA Division II First Team All-American last year, who leads a very experienced team. Later that night, the Continentals will face SUNY Brockport in what should be a tremendous match. SUNY made the NCAA Tournament last year and brings back its NCAA Division III All-American, setter Kaylen Fessette.

On September 8, the Continentals will have a chance to earn an easy victory against a Widener University team that was picked to finish fifth in the Commonwealth Conference by the coaches of that league. Last season, Widener struggled to produce results in the win column and finished with a losing record.

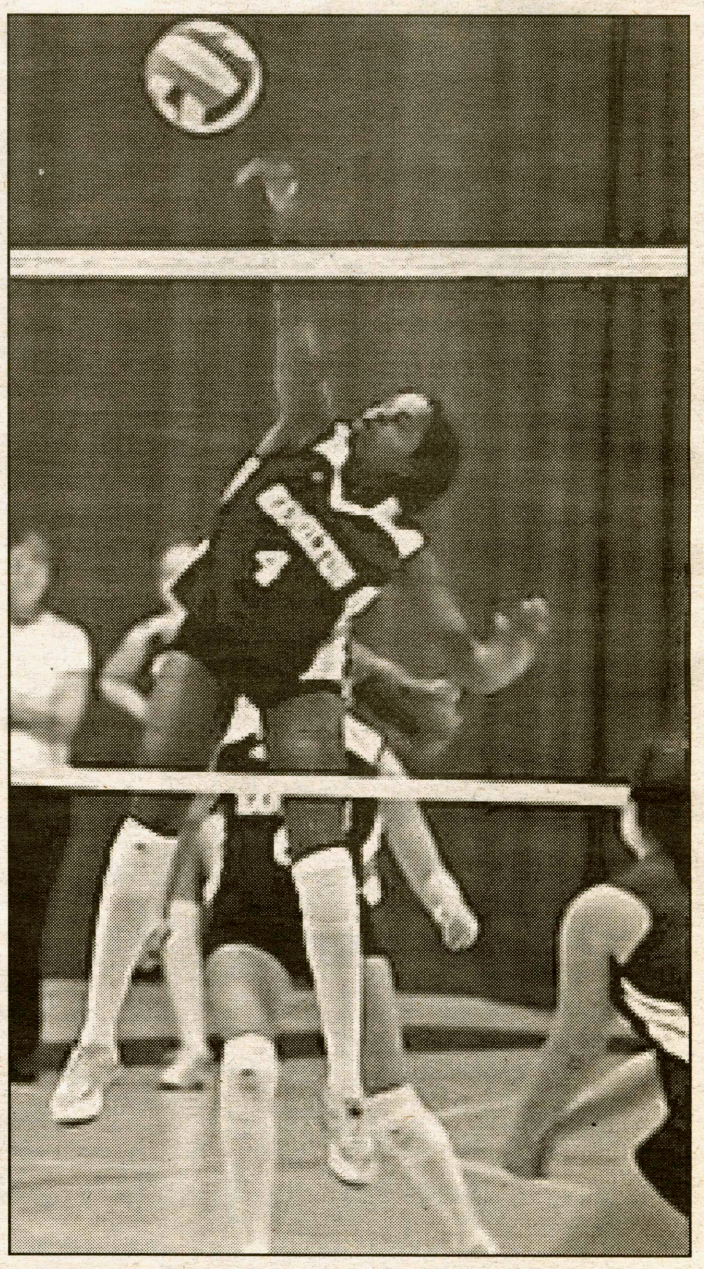
However, the Continentals cannot let up, as they will take on the host Ithaca College in the finale. Ithaca might even be the best team that Hamilton will have to face during the entire torunament as it will have the home court advantage along with the return of many of its players from last year's squad that finished 25-13 and only lost four times on its home court. Ithaca's Amanda Hubbard '08 was named Player of the Year for the Empire 8 Conference so the Continentals could be in for a big challenge.

Amber O'Connor '09, Julia Penrose '09 and Kristen Selden '09 will look to provide leadership for the team during the season. All three of these players played very well last year and they will look to improve upon their career milestones. O'Connor not only set a school record last season when she had 489 digs, but she also was among the leaders in the NESCAC conference in the dig category. Penrose was the team's best setter last year when she had 679, while Selden was the Continentals leader in kills and blocks.

With the return of Jasmine Jolly '10 and Michelle Fisher '10, Hamilton will look to gain valuable playing experience. The team will be tested early and often as the Continentals go on a huge road swing to begin the season. Seven out of the first eight games will be played away from Scott Field House.

Despite the fact that the team will be going up against many of the top teams in the country, the Continenals can still come away victorous if they can capitalize on the mistakes of their opponents. Teamwork will ultimately be the way to win becasue the team will need to execute efficient passing, blocking, and hitting schemes to throw off their opponents.

We can exepct the team to improve upon last year's record and hope that it makes enough progress to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament at the end of the season. With the experience and leadership that the Continentals have, this could be a historic season for the team.



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Jasmine Jolly '10 had 199 kills and 55 total blocks last season.

Golf Team Has Enough Talent to Reach Historic Levels

by Andrew Harris '11
Sports Writer

Men's Golf Coach Al Highducheck is back for his fifth year with the goal of winning the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championship. In his first few seasons at Hamilton, he has won NESCAC Coach of the Year and established a winning attitude for the team.

Mike Hayes '08 and Dan Treichler '08 will serve as team captains for Hamilton and they are looking to make some noise in the league this year. Although the team did lose four seniors since last year, the team still maintained its core players.

Hayes, the low scorer during the fall season last year, skipped the spring season to study abroad in China, returning only a few weeks ago. If he can regain the form that propelled the team last year, he could play a major role in the success of the program.

Similarly, Treichler led the team in scoring as a sophomore, so he certainly has the ability to produce a strong senior campaign.

Rounding out the older members of the squad are Kevin Osborne '09 and Dave Christie '09, who have carried the team at various times. The battle for the remaining spots will be filled some of the younger members of the squad.

Coach Highducheck was quick to praise his young talent, noting, "We have two new freshmen who are pretty good, and a sophomore who's fighting for the top five. The freshmen could surprise. Sometimes it takes a year to adjust to college golf and life, but they should at least be good and able to contribute."

The final NESCAC tournament in the fall this year will be hosted by Hamilton, which should provide the team with a vested interest in winning. Unlike in prior years, the winner of this tournament does not get an automatic qualification to the NCAA Tournament in the spring.

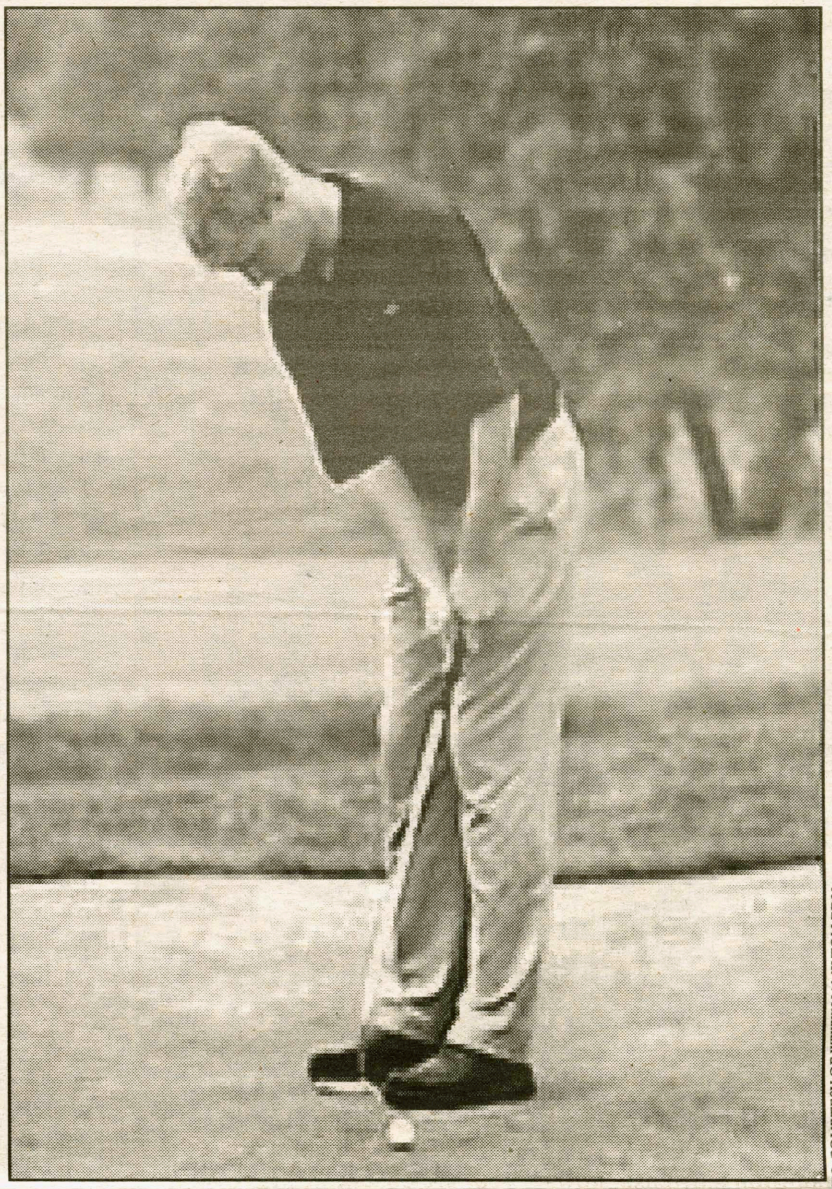
The top four teams will qualify for another tournament hosted by the winner and since the Continentals are familiar with the course for the fall NESCAC tournament, expectations will be high for the team to qualify.

However, expectations in golf are not always followed through, a lesson that Highducheck and the team know too well. "Last year we thought we were pretty good. We went to Bowdoin at the same course [as the NESCAC Tournament] and won it," added Highducheck.

Although Hamilton still finished fourth at last year's tournament, it was a reminder that what the players do on the course is more important than whatever their expectations may be.

Before even talking about the prospects of the team this year, Coach Highducheck was quick to explain that empty promises and predictions mean little. "We still have to do it on the course," he said, "but we have the potential to be good if we don't run into problems. But every team runs into problems at some time, so we'll see how it goes."

If it goes as Coach Highducheck, Hayes, and Treichler plan, then the team will be in great shape to rebound from a disappointing season and make some noise in the NESCAC.



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Mike Hayes '08 takes on a leadership role for the upcoming season.

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Who To Watch In Hamilton Athletics

- Caitlin McGilley '08 -

McGilley had 51 saves last season. She tied a Hamilton record last year with nine shutouts. Her career record in goal is 21-7-5, and she has been a starter since she joined the team her freshman year.

- Becky MacKenzie '08 -

Mackenzie was an NCAA all-region performer last season. She earned all-league honors in 2005 for finishing in the top 14 at the league championship race. MacKenzie made the all-league team for the second year in a row last season. She achieved a sixth-place finish at the 2006 league championships followed by 20th in the 2006 NYSCTC championships.

- Allen Guiney '08 -

Tri-captain Guiney returns to the team this fall following a successful outdoor season. Last season, Guiney was 10th place at the league championships and then made the all-state team as he finished 18th in the NYSCTC meet. Guiney holds the record for second-fastest time by a Hamilton runner on his own course.

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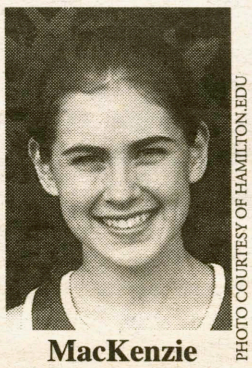

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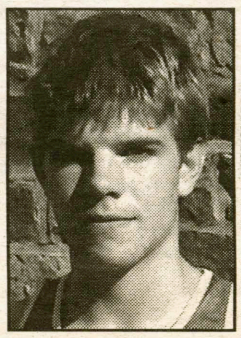

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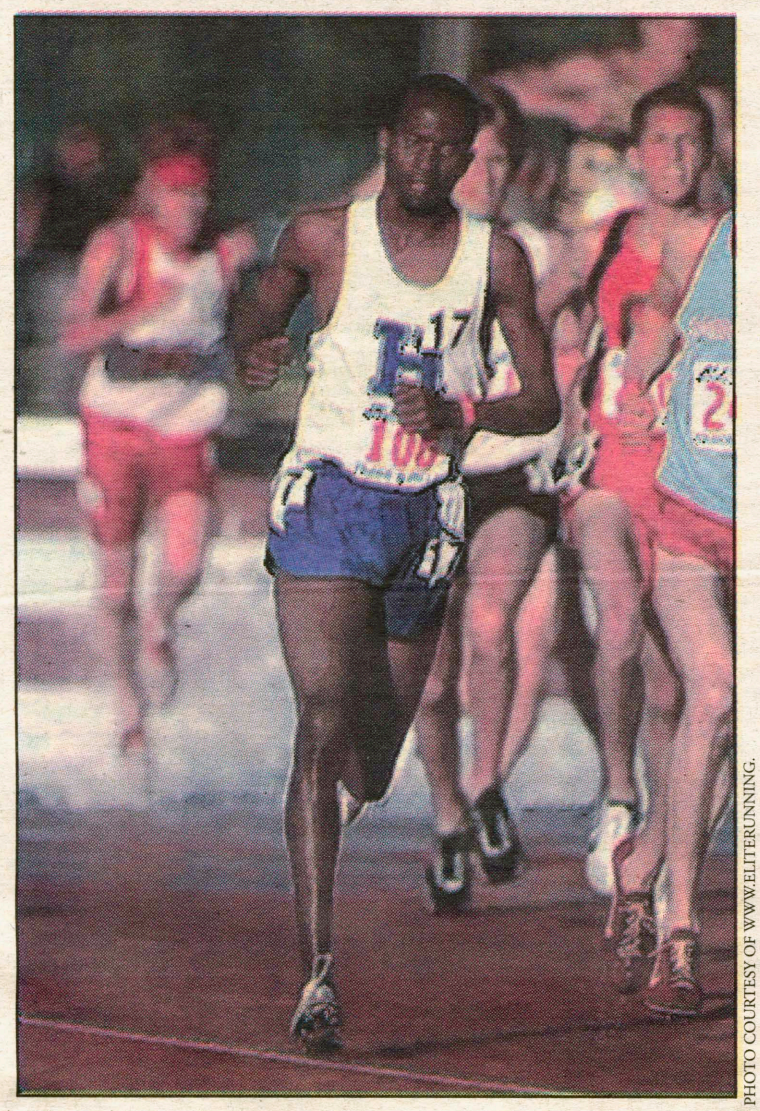

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Peter Kosgei '10 outruns his NCAA competition.

Run, Peter, Run!

Kosgei Breaks School Record; Finishes 25th in Boilermaker

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Editor

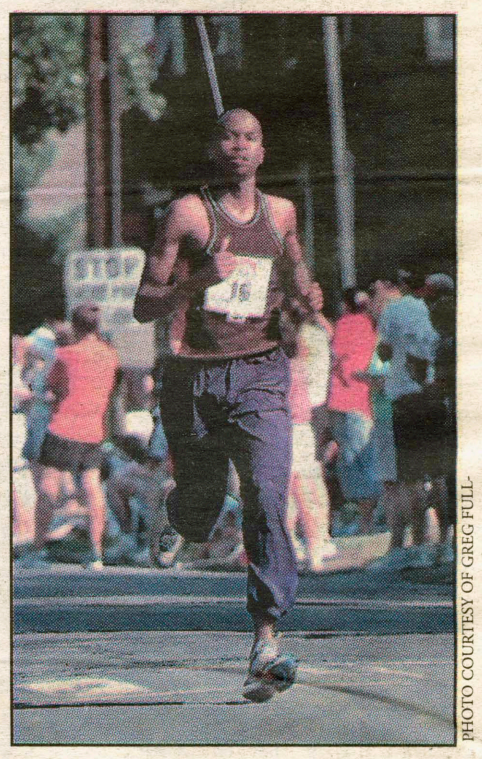
Peter Kosgei '10 made Hamilton and NCAA history when he smashed the school 3000-meter steeplechase record by 14 seconds. He destroyed the competition at the NCAA Division III outdoor track and field championships held at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium on May 25. His time was the fastest posted in Division III that season.

Kosgei's time of 8:55.41 was five seconds faster than any competitor and set a facility record. His success at the NCAA level came as no surprise to teammates and coaches who watched him finish first in the steeplechase in Liberty League, NESCAC and New York State competitions this past spring.

He was also named an All-American, a virtually unprecedented honor for a freshman. Kosgei is the first Men's Track and Field athlete at Hamilton to win All-American honors since 1971, and only the third in Hamilton history. The accolades didn't end there, however. He was also named Liberty League outdoor Rookie of the Year and a co-Track Performer of the Year.

Kosgei also made the Continentals proud when he ran the Boilermaker 15K Road Race in Utica, N.Y. in early July. His astonishing finish of twenty-fifth out of more than 10,000 runners was an amazing accomplishment. He finished in 48:36, crossing the finish line less than five minutes after race winner and fellow Kenyan, Nicholas Kamakya.

With these impressive awards and wins under his belt, there's no telling what Kosgei will do next. He is sure to put in a spectacular performance for the Men's Cross Country Team in the upcoming season!



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Kosgei in the Boilermaker on July 15.

Women's Soccer Has Strength in Seniors and Returnees

Experienced Team To Build on Undefeated Home Record

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Editor

Hopes are high for the Hamilton Women's Soccer Team this season. Coming off a strong 9-4-2 record last season, the team enters 2007 with a fierce drive and the talent to pull it off.

A group of experienced seniors lead the team this year: Caitlin McGilley, Taylor Brady, Nicole Tetreault, Kim Bauer, Megan Brousseau, Emma Slane and Ali Grant. There are also eight returners who lend their knowledge of the game.

Head Coach Colette Gilligan is entering her sixth year at Hamilton, and is the program's all-time winningest coach. Patty Kloidt, fifth year Assistant Coach, is also the Head Coach of the Women's Lacrosse Team at Hamilton.

Gilligan received Coach of the Year honors from three different organizations. Gilligan and her assistants were also voted Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year for the second year in a row.

She was later honored as Women's Collegiate Athletic Association's Coach of the Year for both the region and New York State.

A team is nothing without its keeper, and the Lady Continentals are fortunate enough to have Caitlin McGilley '08 in the net. This season will be her fourth starting in goal. She tied a Hamilton record last year with nine shutouts and was an all-league Second Team selection. Her career record in goal stands at 21-7-5.

The formidable defense, led by Megan Brosseau '08 and Ali Grant '08, held its opponents to just eight goals in 15 games last season. Brosseau was voted First Team all-league and First Team all-Northeast region, as well as to the all-state team.

On offense, Erica Dressler '09 led the team with 13 points last season. Nicole Tetreault '08 had seven points, and was a Second Team All-League pick along with Dressler.

Coach Gilligan will likely look again to returner Kendra Wulczyn '10, who started all 15 games in her first year. Jessy Gelber '09 will once again bring her speed and dynamic play to the field, having spent the off-season recovering from an ankle injury sustained last fall.

The Lady Continentals have a record of defending their home turf. Not a single game, league or non-league, was lost by the team last season on Love Field. The team is not just accomplished on the field, but in the classroom as well. Eleven team members were named to the Liberty League All-Academic Team in 2006.

The team will begin the season on the road, with games at SUNY I.T. on September 5, and SUNY Oswego on September 8. Last year's season opener was a 10-1 romp over SUNY I.T.

They begin Liberty League play on September 21, hosting Skidmore at home. This game will be one of the Continental's first big tests. Last season's 0-1 overtime loss is sure to be on everyone's mind.

The Continentals will play eight of 15 games at home this season. Be sure to come out and support the team on Love Field, September 9 at 11 a.m. vs. North Carolina Wesleyan.

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Megan Brousseau '08 leads an all-star defense for the Continentals.